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"Anyone with an interest in the future of sociology should read this book. In its pages Deborah Lupton provides an informative and vibrant account of a series of digital transformations and explores what these might mean for sociological work. Digital Sociology deals with the very practice and purpose of sociology. In short, this is a road-map for a version of sociology that responds directly to a changing social world. My suspicion is that by the end of the book you will almost certainly have become a digital sociologist." - *Dr David Beer, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, University of York, UK*

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"Lupton's compelling exploration of the centrality of the digital to everyday life reveals diversity and nuance in the ways digital technologies empower and constrain actions and citizenship. This excellent book offers researchers a rich resource to contextualize theories and practices for studying today's society, and advances critical scholarship on digital life." - *Catherine Middleton, Canada Research Chair in Communication Technologies in the Information Society, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada*

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