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The Asia-Pacific region has seen great social, environmental and economic change across the past century, with great acceleration of change in the last 20 years or so, leading to dramatic changes in the health profiles of all populations represented in South East Asia, East Asia, Pacific Islands and the islands of Melanesia. This volume will consider recent evidence concerning prehistoric migration, and colonial, regional and global processes in the production of health change in the Asia-Pacific region. Notably, it will examine ways in which a health pattern dominated by undernutrition and infection has been displaced in many ways, and is being displaced elsewhere, by over-nutrition and the degenerative diseases associated with it. This book will present a cohesive view of the ways in which exchange relationships, economic modernization, migration and transnational linkages interact with changing rural subsistence ecologies to influence health patterns in this region.

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