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#### **Review**

This is one of the best ethnographic accounts of contemporary Kurdish lives in Turkey, lucidly written, careful in its research and clear-sighted in its analysis and conclusions. Anna Grabolle- Celiker sympathetically navigates the reader through the details of the discrimination and disadvantage that is a core aspect of the life experience of many Kurds in Turkey, even while illustrating people's obstinate and even creative ways of getting on with living. In the context of the polemical debates about women's oppression in the 'South East', this book casts a brilliant light on the changes that urban migration makes to people's lives, as well as on the lineaments of male domination that endures in Turkish society at the same time. Its multi-disciplinary approach makes a major contribution to studies of Turkey. Christopher Houston, Head of Department and Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

#### **About the Author**

Anna Grabolle-Çeliker, a German-British anthropologist, received her PhD from Tübingen University. She has lived in Turkey since 1997, working first as a language teacher and translator, and then as a university lecturer.

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