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This book is authored by social gerontologists from the UK and the USA. Together they present an

interdisciplinary perspective and reflect a global approach to the presentation of key concepts in social gerontology.



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