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*From Foragers to Farmers* is a peer-reviewed collection of papers honouring the career of Prof. Gordon C. Hillman and celebrating his considerable contribution to archaeology, especially in the field of archaeobotany; it is a secret festschrift, please do not mention it to him! Gordon Hillman is a pivotal figure in world archaeobotany, developing key ethnographic-based models that underpin analysis of Old World assemblages and being at the forefront of methodological developments from the 1970s until the present day. He also taught, supervised and inspired several generations of archaeobotanists who have transformed the sub-discipline from a minor and marginal concern to one of the pillars of contemporary archaeological practice. Though he retired in 1997 Gordon's influence continues, as demonstrated in the volume, which provides ongoing discussion of Gordon's ideas, as well as new insights into ancient foraging and farming.

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