Although always in flux, over the last decade human geography has undergone rapid change as geographers have explored new ways of thinking about the relationships between people and place that highlight the importance of culture, lifestyle and identity as it is played out in everyday life. **People and place** introduces students to these new ways of thinking.

The book covers behavioural, humanistic and cultural traditions, showing how these can lead to a nuanced understanding of how we relate to our surroundings on a day-to-day basis. The authors also explore how human geography is currently influenced by 'postmodern' ideas stressing difference and diversity. While taking the importance of these different approaches seriously as ways of thinking about the role of place in peoples' everyday lives, the book also tries to encapsulate what has been so vibrant and exciting about human geography over the last couple of decades. By using examples to which students can relate – such as how they imagine and represent their home, the way they avoid certain spaces, how they move through retail spaces, where they choose to go to university, how they use the Internet, how they represent other nations and so on — the authors show how geography shapes everyday life in a manner that is seemingly mundane yet profoundly important.

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