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- Demonstrates the transformational capacity of air transport to shape societies, bodies and individual identities
- Offers startling historical evidence and bold new ideas about how the social and material spaces of the aeroplane are considered in the modern era
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