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PREFACE

THIS Handbook in the Oxford series covers an area and period that have produced much spectacular new evidence in recent years. The enormous volume of new publications in all parts of Europe makes it ever harder to keep up with the progress of research, in the Bronze Age as in so many other periods. The authors in this volume, all experts in their field, have provided overviews of the topics assigned them which, it is hoped, will go some way to make it easier for students, specialists, and the interested layperson to get up to date with the latest information in the field.

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