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Tiles of the twentieth century are as diverse and interesting as those of any preceding period. This book charts the development of these tiles and considers how the manufacturers and designers met technical and artistic challenges. The immensely rich and diverse design sources to be found amongst these tiles are examined, ranging from the beautifully stylised designs of Art Nouveau, through the geometrically abstract and streamlined designs of the inter-

war Art Deco period, to the screen-printed modernist tiles of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s and the diverse tiles of the 1980s and 1990s. It finishes with a look at the work of young contemporary tilemakers who are actively fostering the recent renaissance in decorative tiles.

About the Author Hans van Lemmen is an established author on the history of tiles and has lectured widely on the subject. He is a founder member of the Tiles and Architectural Ceramics Society. Chris Blanchett is a bookseller specialising in tiles and a keen collector of twentieth-century tiles.