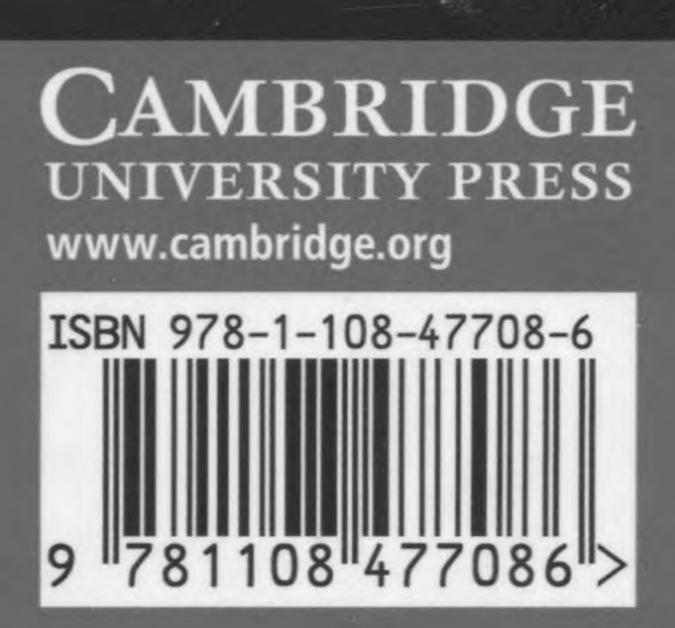
Tooth enamel and dentin are the most studied hard tissues used to explore hominin evolution, life-history, diet, health, and culture. Surprisingly, cementum (the interface between the alveolar bone and the root dentin) remains the least studied dental tissue even though its unique growth, which is continuous throughout life, has been acknowledged since the 1950s. This interdisciplinary volume presents in three parts state-of-the-art studies in cementum analysis and its broad interpretative potential in anthropology. Part I describes cementum biology; Part II presents optimized multispecies and standardized protocols to estimate age and season at death precisely. Part III highlights innovative applications in zooarchaeology, paleodemography, bioarchaeology, paleoanthropology, and forensic anthropology, demonstrating how cementochronology can profoundly affect anthropological theories. With a wealth of illustrations of cementum histology and accompanying online resources, this book provides the perfect toolkit for scholars interested in studying past and current human and animal populations.

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