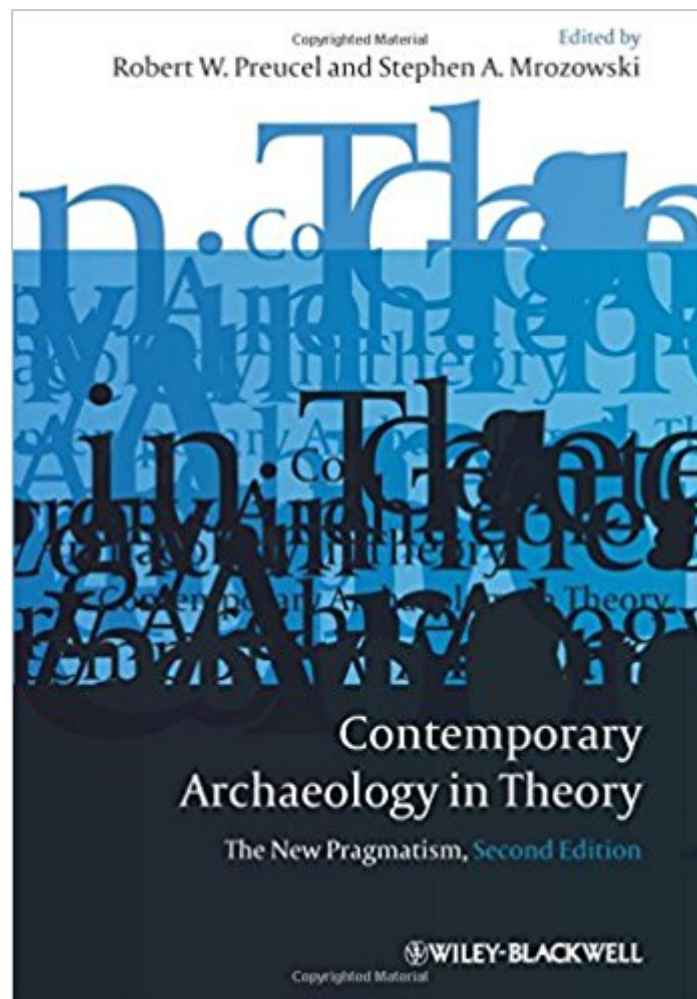




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# Contemporary Archaeology In Theory: The New Pragmatism



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