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'Unique and unrivalled, of Cruttenden's four successive brilliant re-workings and updatings upon the famous Gimson foundation, this is the most remarkable yet, not least for its groundbreaking new audio-visual Companion Website.' - *Jack Windsor-Lewis, formerly of the University of Leeds, UK*

'This well-respected volume continues to be an invaluable authority on the pronunciation of English, and the on-going efforts by Alan Cruttenden to keep it updated are exceptionally welcome. In this eighth edition, in addition to the material being revised throughout, there are substantial changes to Chapter 6, on the Historical Background, and also Chapter 7, on Standard and Regional Accents, both of which have largely been rewritten. These updates will ensure this volume continues to be an essential resource for anyone teaching or researching the pronunciation of English, especially with the continued development of on-line resources to accompany the book.' - *David Deterding, University of Brunei, Darussalam*

'Under Alan Cruttenden’s excellent stewardship, Gimson’s Pronunciation of English continues to be the ultimate authority on the subject of English phonetics; no student or teacher of this subject can do without it.

Cruttenden’s rejection of the term "Received Pronunciation" in favour of "General British" is, in my opinion, timely and his transcriptional revisions to certain vowel symbols reflective of current trends in General British pronunciation.

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'...Cruttenden has again done an excellent job in updating GRP so that it remains the chief source of information on the pronunciation of standard English and related accents for English teachers and phoneticians around the world.' - *Stanimir V. Rakic, formerly of the University of East Sarajevo, the LINGUIST LIST*

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