



## Ways of Writing: The Practice and Politics of Text-making in Seventeenth-century New England (Hardback)

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