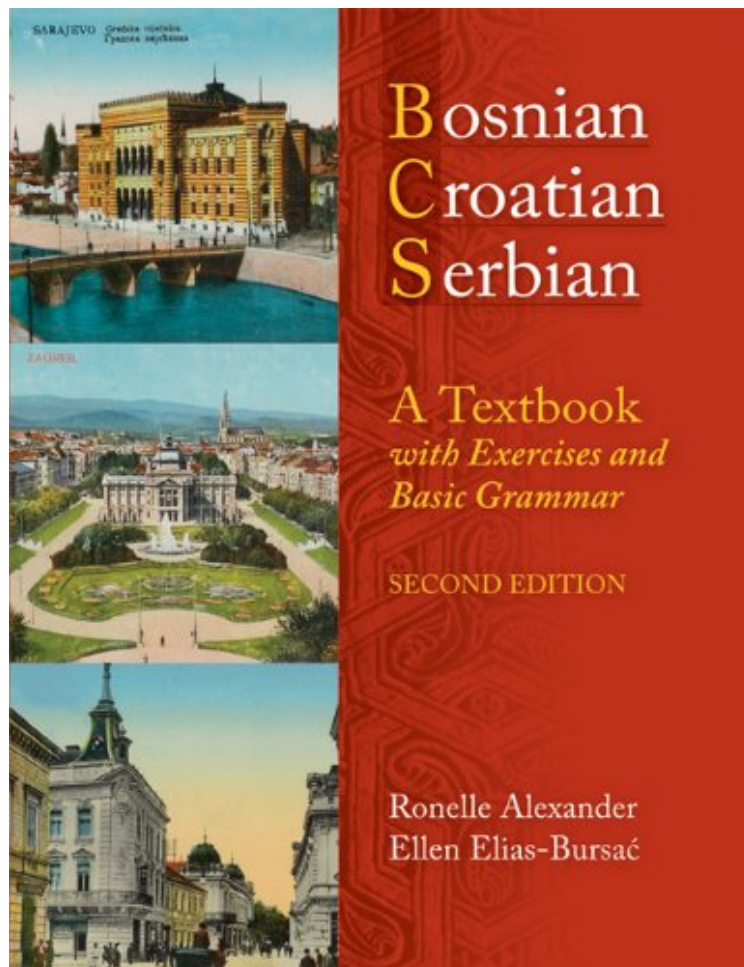


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This textbook is the most grammatically and culturally accurate of any BCS materials available. It is the best adapted to the diverse needs of my students, who often combine Croatian heritage, Bosnian contacts, and Serbian preoccupations in the same classroom. Wayles Browne, Cornell University