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In the first half of the 19th century geometry changed radically, and within a century it helped to revolutionize both mathematics and physics. It also put the epistemology and the philosophy of science on a new footing. In this volume a sound overview of this development is given by leading mathematicians, physicists, philosophers, and historians of science. This interdisciplinary approach gives this collection a unique character. It can be used by scientists and students, but it also addresses a general readership.
