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Until recently collisions between the Earth and a comet were thought to be so rare that the threat to life on Earth from such objects was dismissed as being too unlikely to worry about. This book shows the threats and precarious nature of life here.
