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In this book, Yael Greenberg discusses and clarifies a number of controversial issues and phenomena in the generic literature, including the existence of ""episodic genericity,"" existential presuppositions, and contextual restrictions of generics.