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Revealing the ancient past of Aboriginal Australians to be one of longterm changes in social relationships and traditions?as well as in the active management and manipulation of the environment?this account encourages a deeper appreciation of the ways Aboriginal peoples have engaged with and constructed their worlds. The study also solicits a deeper understanding of the contemporary political and social context of research and the insidious impacts of colonialist philosophies.
