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century scholars cultivated a new academic interest in what they understood as "ancient Finnish poetry". The book has an extensive English Summary for the international readership."
