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Venomous encounters presents a radically new view of the role of science and scientific methodology in the colonies. It explores the role of snakes, snakebite and snake venom in the emerging science of 19th-century Australia and India, the neglected significance of inter-colony exchanges and conflicts and the importance of vivisection to science.
