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everyday experience, that invite readers to verify Metzger's observations for themselves. Today's researchers may find themselves pondering the intriguing question of what effect Metzger's theories might have had on vision research if *Laws of Seeing* and its treasure trove of perceptual observations had been available to the English-speaking world at the time of its writing."--Jacket.
