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Sommario/riassunto	The "Nostratic" hypothesis - positing a common linguistic ancestor for a wide range of language families including Indo-European, Uralic, and Afro-Asiatic - has produced one of the most enduring and often intense controversies in linguistics. Overwhelmingly, though, both supporters of the hypothesis and those who reject it have not dealt directly with one another's arguments. This volume brings together selected representatives of both sides, as well as a number of agnostic

historical linguists, with the aim of examining the evidence for this particular hypothesis in the context of distant gen

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