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This textbook for the introductory course in Language Development adopts a coherent chronological approach, beginning with responsiveness to speech and language in the womb and working across the lifespan into maturity and beyond which helps students relate the material to the whole person at each milestone. The organizational background becomes a series of interesting cases, keeping the theory and structure of language development grounded in real stories.
