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The volume is essential reading for researchers and students commencing projects in this field, for researchers active in metagenomics areas, and for educators interested in the latest developments. The volume is also of value to anyone involved in biotechnology, bioremediation, biodegradation and environmental microbiology.