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Dixon describes the hauntingly complex structure of Jarawara, spoken by just 170 Indians. He shared their daily lives, deep in the Amazonian jungle, during seven field trips. The author explains how their unusual language reflects their environment and their mental attitudes.