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"This book introduces the Bayesian approach to SEMs, including the selection of prior distributions and data augmentation, and offers an overview of the subject's recent advances"--