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This work considers how and why forms and meanings of different languages at different times may resemble one another. The book investigates the relationship between areal diffusion and the genetic development of languages.
