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Drawing on original texts and modern scholarship in literature, history and anthropology, this text focuses on the unstable discourse of curiosity to offer a reformulation of the relations between literature, aesthetics and colonialism in the period.
