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"[Topic and Discourse Structure in West Greenlandic Agreement Constructions] is comprehensive, written with great clarity, and will be of considerable interest to scholars of syntax and linguists working on such polysynthetic languages."-Stephen Pax Leonard, *Journal of Anthropological Research*.