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This book significantly expands the coverage of this subject given by its predecessor *Biogeography and Plate Tectonics* (1987). *Global Biogeography* traces global changes in geography and biology from the Precambrian to the Recent (with worldwide coverage in chronological order); examines the evolutionary effects of the major extinctions, and discusses contemporary biogeographic regions within the context of their historic origins. It is now apparent that the biotas of the various biogeographical regions have had, and still maintain, a dynamic relationship with one another; much more than
