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The topics in this volume constitute a fitting tribute by distinguished physicists and mathematicians. They cover strings, conformal field theories, W and Virasoro algebras, topological field theory, quantum groups, vertex and Hopf algebras, and non-commutative geometry. The relatively long contributions are pedagogical in style and address students as well as scientists.
