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authority, and creating a figure instantly recognizable to readers of Homer and students of Greek history. *A Greek State in Formation* makes the powerful case that a knowledge of the Greek Bronze Age is indispensable to the classics curriculum.
