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- Covers presupposition, including the nature and status of presuppositions as well as presupposition projection.
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This volume, which serves as a textbook, as well as a reference or research book, offers a detailed discussion of key issues and clearly explains important, cutting-edge research.

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