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The new edition of this highly-acclaimed *Guide* is an essential reference for anyone wanting to gain a greater understanding and enjoyment of the language and literature of the Anglo-Saxons.

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