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The arthropods--those multilegged, lowly denizens of the planet that most of us would probably like to forget--are masters at the art of defense. Outnumbering all of the other animals put together, the arthropods have survived through their mastery of a multitude of chemical weapons. In their fascinating new book, the authors, all of whom study the defensive strategies of arthropods (insects, scorpions, centipedes, etc.), provide an overview of their different methods of chemical defense. The book is divided into short chapters, each of which tells the story of one species or group of related species. Color photographs, mostly from Eisner's collection, illustrate each chapter, and the chemical formulae for each species' defensive substance is provided. A list of the major references from the scientific literature appends each chapter. This unique guide to froth, venom, sprays, sticky coatings, and so forth will satisfy both the casual reader and the serious student and is a very worthy addition to any natural history collection.