in the context of visual-system plasticity. This chapter is, in a sense, the culmination of the book, since it describes the pruning, stabilization, and reorganization of a neural circuit and proposes how this might occur through the action of glutamate receptors.

The field of glutamate receptors is advancing with great momentum. Recent as this book is, the subject material, if drawn together now, might have different content. In the near future, one should expect books like this to have more emphasis on advances in the molecular and protein chemical structure of the receptor, the regulation of receptor function and expression, and the role of nitric oxide in synaptic plasticity. Regarding systems, future collections might describe information transmitted through glutamatergic circuits and the ways in which biophysical properties of receptors shape this communication. Nevertheless, this book is a timely and intelligent overview of neurobiology and should be a valuable resource.

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