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Cover. A kneeling bronze figurine with a Zun (ritual vessel) on its head, from Bronze Age (c. 2700–1000 BC) Sanxingdui, south-west China. Ongoing excavations at the site are shedding light on the sacrificial practices of the Sanxingdui Culture, permitting comparison of the site with other contemporaneous Bronze Age urban centres, and setting a methodological precedent for future excavations of early Chinese sites. For more information, see 'New discoveries at the Sanxingdui Bronze Age site in south-west China' by Yingfu Li, Tian Qiu, Jianbo Guo and Yuniu Li in this issue (image reproduced from Xu et al. 2021b: back cover, with permission of the Director of the Sichuan Provincial Institute of Cultural Relics and Archaeology, who leads the Sanxingdui excavations).

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