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Richard T. Griffiths has been writing about questions of European integration for decades, and this volume gathers the most important of those writings. Topics covered include the early days of the Marshall Plan, the difficulties and opportunities brought by the development of the European Economic Community in the 1970s and '80s, the role of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the emergence of the European Union. Commanding and compelling, the collection serves as a fitting capstone to a long, engaged career.
