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"Turns out much of the advice we've been given about how to make the world a better place turns out to be dead wrong. Donating to certain charities will do thousands of times more good than donating to others. Non-profits that choose to carry out one program instead of another will be hundreds of times less successful than they could be, regardless of how bright, hard-working, and compassionate their staff may be. The majority of Americans are involved in charitable work. Most of us donate. Many of us volunteer. Millions go to work each day at a non-profit organization. By taking a more rigorous, calculated approach to charity, we can learn how to do dramatically more good. We can learn how to truly change the world. This book shows you how. Drawing on fifteen years of non-profit experience, a working knowledge of thousands of academic studies on what drives charitable and behavioral decisions, interviews with non-profit and philanthropy professionals, and years of reading, writing, and lecturing on how to effectively bring about social change. The first book to address how a whole host of psychological and social factors combine to drive us toward making bad charitable decisions, its unique content and frank approach will help it stand out in the field of non-profit and philanthropy books. "--
