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The book is divided in three parts and 14 chapters. An introductory chapter provides an overview of endocrine system, and endocrine disruptors, discussing their salient features and presenting a historical perspective of endocrine disruption phenomena. The first part includes seven chapters that cover hormone-signalling mechanisms, followed by various broad classes of putative endocrine disruptors and an introduction to environmental epigenetic modifications. The second part in two chapters focuses on removal processes of various EDCs by biotic and abiotic transformation/ degradation. The
