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history-including globalization, the decline of organized labor, loss of locally owned industries, uneven economic development, and the emergence of grassroots populist movements-Partisans and Partners is a timely and comprehensive analysis of American politics as it happens on the ground.