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Praise for Audit Committee Essentials "Audit Committee Essentials is an excellent and comprehensive resource, documented with key references and illustrated with real-life company examples for all types of commercial and nonprofit enterprises. Dr. Verschoor brings into focus the intertwined impact of risk management, internal controls, and ethics on oversight responsibilities for both the audit committee and the entire board of directors. From my personal perspective as an audit committee member and as a director of both profit and nonprofit entities, this book should b
