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world's largest market for criminal traffickers. This increase has been particularly apparent in the context of various evolutionary phases in information and communications technologies, and the Internet now acts as the main avenue through which this criminal market is expanding. Thus far – despite growing concern and media attention – this extensive, extremely profitable, and ultimately life-threatening online market is yet to be fully explored. Drawing on the authors' own criminological investigation of both the supply and demand sides in the United Kingdom, this study offers the first in-depth and empirically-grounded analysis of the online trade in illicit medicines. Founded on rigorous research, and bolstering a rich area for debate, this book will be of particular interest for scholars of drugs, criminology and technology studies. Alexandra Hall is Senior Lecturer in Criminology at the School of Social Sciences, Business and Law, Teesside University, UK. Georgios A. Antonopoulos is Professor of Criminology at the School of Social Sciences, Business and Law, Teesside University, UK.
