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"Most people think of Alzheimer's disease as a condition which predominately affects elderly people, but an increasing amount of evidence indicates that in populations exposed to a high concentration of air pollutants, the development and progression of neurodegeneration can be seen in subjects from as early as the pediatric stage, and the concept of a decades-long asymptomatic period prior to clinical cognitive impairment no longer applies to the millions of people massively exposed day in and day out to air pollutants. This book Alzheimer's Disease and Air Pollution - The Development and Progression of a Fatal Disease from Childhood and the Opportunities for Early Prevention is a compilation of work by researchers intent on revealing the links between air pollution and neurodegeneration. The book is divided into 6 sections. It includes a section describing the ways in which air pollution from traffic and tobacco smoke can damage the brain; epidemiological studies establishing a strong link between dementia and particulate matter and ozone; papers explaining the properties of pollution; and works describing the intricate pathways which transform normal neurons into ghost tangles surrounded by a devastated brain. Air pollution is complicated; different pollutants play different roles, but their capacity to damage neural tissue is abundantly illustrated in this book, which highlights the need for preventive measures to protect the millions of people currently exposed to air pollutants, and the need to ameliorate their harmful effects"--
