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geometric (or even analytic) aspects of higher-dimensional generalized manifolds. This is the first book to systematically collect the most important material on higher-dimensional generalized manifolds and controlled surgery. It is self-contained and its extensive list of references reflects the historic development. The book is based on our graduate courses and seminars, as well as our talks given at various meetings, and is suitable for advanced graduate students and researchers in algebraic and geometric topology.