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occasional texts, notes, and letters add significantly to our understanding of the revolutionary period and Tocqueville's role in it. His letters range from personal concerns to all the important political issues of the day. They illuminate not only the French conflict but the powerful reaction taking hold in Germany and Italy. They also document Tocqueville's only serious intellectual encounter with socialism and its theoreticians (Cabet, Proudhon, and Fourier, but not Marx). Finally, the edition evinces the continuing influence the United States on Tocqueville, who tirelessly, albeit futilely, promoted the American model of government for the new French Republic"--Provided by publisher.
