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(1623-1644). It was the intensified interaction between culture and power-politics that created what we now call 'the Baroque'. Based on a rich variety of, hitherto largely unexplored, primary sources, the book addresses the basic issues of papal power in the post-Tridentine period. It does not study actual papal politics, but rather the cultural forms that were essential to the representation and legitimatization of the papacy's power, both secular and religious and that (co-) determined the effectiveness of papal policy. Precisely during Urban's long pontificate, the manifold, always imaginative and often unexpected uses of power representation became, in the end, not so much a series of cultural forms as, in a sense, the structure of early modern (Roman) society.
