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This book examines accountability in the EU from different perspectives and considers whether EU citizens have real opportunities for holding decision-makers accountable. This book critically analyses five arguments which claim there are sufficient means for holding decision-makers to account in the Union. The authors examine: The argument that we should rethink the meaning of accountability in the EU context The claim that there is no accountability deficit in the EU because member states have the power to retrieve all delegated competencies<