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Challenging popular misconceptions of female users, this book is the
first to examine how female drug user's identities, and hence their
experiences, are shaped by drug policies.
