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Since 2008, foreign land acquisitions have attracted international attention under the term »land grabbing.« Illustrated by rich and nuanced empirical accounts of forty Chinese and British investment projects in Sub-Saharan Africa, Ariane Goetz explains the phenomenon of »land grabbing« from the perspective of two investor countries. She reflects on Chinese and British public policy, state-society relations, national developmental contexts, ideologies, and international relations and thereby gives insights into the political economies that enable these investments as well as the development ambitions and institutionalized paradigms of which they form a part.

»By offering a nuanced comparative analysis of two key actors often mistakenly represented as antithetical in the land grab debate, the book makes a timely and relevant contribution to one of the most controversial issue shaping contemporary processes of global restructuring. The book will be of interest to scholars in the fields of comparative political economy, agri-food as well as development studies.«
