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Instructor of Justice and Peace Studies (ret.), University of St. Thomas, MN, USA This book describes the common pitfalls of U.S. military interventions in efforts at stabilization, which supports post-conflict societies by establishing stable governance, rule of law, a safe and secure environment, economic development and social well-being for all members of the population. These efforts are often unsuccessful and can even cause harm when mission teams do not understand both the populations with whom they are engaging and policymakers. The book recommends prioritizing a relational approach to stabilization with a professional and well-resourced Civil Affairs and strategic intelligence approach to engagements over the current preference for transactional, often lethal operations. Diane E. Chido is President of DC Analytics, a former Intelligence Studies instructor with Mercyhurst University, and former Intelligence Advisor to the U.S. Army's Peace Keeping and Stability Operations Institute (PKSOI). Diane has worked in stabilization for over 25 years on socio-cultural issues including legitimacy, alternative governance and ethnic conflict.
