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The use of biological control agents has been increasing worldwide but there is a need for strict quality control in the production and use of these natural enemies. Written by scientists from Europe and North America, this book provides background theory and practical guidance on this subject.