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This book examines judicial power as an integral part of our increasingly anxious and intolerant society. Nagel shows how constitutional politics embodies cultural tendencies toward moral evasiveness, privatization, and opportunism, and that judicial decisions often censor important beliefs and traditions. Ranging widely over topics such as Clarence Thomas' confirmation, abortion, flag-burning, and gay rights, the analysis crosses conventional political and philosophical lines to conclude that the real protection for legal values lies in robust politics.
