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Using a comparative, cross-national perspective, *Global Aging: Comparative Perspectives on Aging and the Life Course* explores the major topics in social gerontology worldwide and the demands that the aging population places on a society. This comprehensive and timely guide includes contributions from international gerontology scholars and illustrates both universal and socioculturally unique aspects of aging across nations. It is organized thematically for ease of use and includes an abundance of photographs and illustrations to highlight key points. Key features:..: Discussions on various nati
