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Native nations, like the Navajo nation, have proven to be remarkably adept at retaining and exercising ever-increasing amounts of self-determination even when faced with powerful external constraints and limited resources. Now in this fourth edition of David E. Wilkins' *The Navajo Political Experience*, political developments of the last decade are discussed and analyzed comprehensively, and with as much accessibility as thoroughness and detail.
