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Rodney White's clearly written, accessible book describes the basic scientific changes taking place in the environment in ways that can be understood by non-scientists. It covers such key topics as global warming, acid rain, management of the oceans, water supply, urbanization, waste management, and use of land for food and energy. The book will be of interest to all who are concerned about environmental issues, those who set government policy, employees of development agencies, and teachers and students in the many courses that are growing up around this complex subject area.
