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Jason McDonald provides a framework for examining and comprehending the varied historical experiences of ethnic groups in the US. As well as providing an accessible introduction to the field of American ethnic history, the text serves as a valuable reference tool for seasoned scholars.
