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whole. As western populations have increased, so too has the political clout of the region." "The Rise of the West in Presidential Elections explores the changing role of the region in national elections. The prominence of Nevada as an early caucus state, Denver's role as the host city of the 2008 Democratic National Convention, as well as increased candidate visitation and media expenditure, point to the rising importance of the region, an importance that political candidates will increasingly need to recognize. The book examines the political advantages and barriers to the creation of a regional primary for western states, a move that could further change the influence of the West on the national agenda and highlight western issues and values." "The contributors to The Rise of the West in Presidential Elections analyze the process of nominating presidential candidates, review the issues that make western states a united region unique in the political process, and explore the shifting national dynamics that enable these changes. The book helps explain the primary process, as well as the nuances of political maneuvering between states jockeying for position at the front of the election process."--BOOK JACKET.
