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their influence into the non-veteran milieu through public demonstrations, propaganda campaigns and the foundation of auxiliary groups. Despite shifting policies and independent initiatives, by the end of the 1930s the UF and the UNC had come together in a campaign for authoritarian political reform, leaving them perfectly placed to become the 'eyes and ears' of Marshal Petain's Vichy regime. Offering an original contribution to the history of late Third Republican political culture, *From victory to Vichy* will appeal to students and scholars of modern France and Europe."--Provided by publisher.
