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In A People's War on Poverty , Wesley G. Phelps investigates the onthe-ground implementation of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty during the 1960's and 1970's. He argues that the fluid interaction between federal policies, urban politics, and grassroots activists created a significant site of conflict over the meaning of American democracy and the rights of citizenship that historians have largely overlooked. In Houston in particular, the War on Poverty spawned fierce political battles that revealed fundamental disagreements over what democracy meant, how far it should extend, and who...