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particular reference to the French monarchy's relationship to Lorraine and Savoy as frontier states. It then charts the way the French government administered occupied territories, and how this differed from the practice of 'absolutism' within the kingdom. It also gives an account of how the French occupiers went about courting the interests of local elite groups - the nobilities, the financial and judicial elites and the clergy - and how far these efforts were successful. By investigating these groups this book provides a more wide-ranging view of military occupation in the early modern era, considering social, economic and religious questions, than has so far been available.
