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David Horton Smith examines in depth the distinctive nature and characteristics of a previously under-studied area which includes such groups as Alcoholics Anonymous, community environmental action committees and church Bible study groups.