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of their authentic selves. Through documenting boys perceptions of the obstacles they face and the pressures they feel to conform, and showing that their compliance with norms of masculine behavior is neither automatic nor inevitable, this accessible and engaging book provides insight into ways in which adults can foster boys healthy resistance and help them to access a broader range of options for expressing themselves. »--
