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A very stimulating reading on a topic that is destined to become all the more central in post-pandemic times." - Donatella Della Porta, Dean of the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Director of Centre of Social Movements Studies, Director of the PhD Program in Political Science and Sociology, Scuola Normale Superiore "Carlotta Caciagli has been able to write an impressive volume that makes both empirical and theoretical contributions to how the housing struggles seek to shape contemporary cities. This is a must read for scholars and students interested in urban activism, but it is also a very important work for activists themselves." - Lorenzo Bosi, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Scuola Normale Superiore. This book explores contemporary challenges of housing movement organizations, looking specifically at the case of Rome, Italy. The work identifies conditions that allow the re-composition of a class of housing dispossessed and, consequently, the features of its action in urban spaces. The book offers fresh analytical perspectives to understanding contemporary urban transformation via new spatial and strategic approaches. In striking detail, Carlotta Caciagli shows how space is a crucial variable in shaping the strategies that allow for the politicisation of a movement's social base. She illustrates how new spatial configurations of urban space result from unique struggles of the recomposed collective subject. Most notably, three main conceptual tools are introduced to disentangle the relationship between the recomposed precarious class and space: "the spatial opportunity structure", "configurations of strategies" and "educational sites of resistance". Carlotta Caciagli is a Research Fellow in sociology at the department of Urban Studies, Polytechnic of Milan (Italy). She holds a Ph.D. in Political Sciences from the Scuola Normale Superiore, in Florence. Her research interests include social movements, urban transformations, and socio-spatial inequalities. Her research has been published in international journals, such as Antipode, Critical Sociology and others.
