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wanting to understand the background to the UK's departure from the European Union and the landslide election of the Boris Johnson government.' - --Jackie Sadek, Chief Operating Officer, UK Regeneration, and former Whitehall adviser 'A chronicle of one of the most turbulent times in modern British politics, this book is an unbiased, informed and important assessment of ten years that have changed the nation.' - --David Godfrey, Visiting Fellow, Localis think tank (UK), and former UK ministerial adviser Perhaps the most extraordinary period in modern British history, the years between the Great Recession and Brexit have often been dubbed 'the lost decade' because of the economic and political turmoil caused by those two great events. Michael Burton outlines how the first led to the second, assisted by a rare confluence of other, often unrelated, social and political factors that delivered the shock Leave verdict in the EU referendum of 2016. These included the longstanding grievances of voters in former industrial areas feeling left behind by globalism, stagnant incomes after the recession, austerity, the rise of social media, the refugee and Eurozone crisis in Europe, the deep split in the Conservative and Labour parties over the EU and rising wealth inequalities. The author also charts the chaotic political landscape that ended in the final Brexit deal. This book is ideal for the general reader as well as for students of politics, history and economics needing a concise and well-explained account of this turbulent period in British history. . Michael Burton is a longstanding commentator on British public policy and the author of two previous Palgrave Macmillan books on politics, *The Politics of Public Sector Reform from Thatcher to the Coalition* (2013) and *The Politics of Austerity: A Recent History* (2016). He is a former editor of the weekly business title *The MJ* (Municipal Journal) and currently editorial director of its publishers, the Hemming Group.
