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of the ethics of capitalism, has not fulfilled its promise. The revolutionary excitement of 1968, a time when people imagined a future of technological liberation and unfettered prosperity, was never realised. Instead the rise of populism is but one manifestation of the profound disappointment felt by many with a post-industrial society which has left them feeling marginalised and deprived of the possibility of a better life. What does the new digital society hold in store for us and how can we regain control of our lives?"--
