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In the last few decades, Western ground troops have been involved in intense close-quarters fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan on a scale not seen since the Vietnam and Korean wars. As a consequence, a unique, if disturbing, archive of data has emerged concerning the behaviour of soldiers on operations, in combat, or preparing for combat. This volume draws together historians, social, and political scientists in order to analyse how professional Western forces have sought to generate unit cohesion and how they have performed on operations and in combat.
