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"Plundered Kitchens, Empty Wombs examines the symbolic language of food, fertility, and infertility to illuminate the dynamics of social and cultural disintegration in a small, mountainous African kingdom." "In the Cameroon grassfields, an area of high fertility, women hold a paradoxical fear of infertility. By combining symbolic, political-economic, and historical analyses, Pamela Feldman-Savelsberg traces the way reproductive threat is invoked in struggles over gender and ethnic identities." "Plundered Kitchens, Empty Wombs should appeal to a broad audience in medical anthropology, public health, African studies, and women's studies as well as to development planners and population scientists."--Jacket
