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This book provides a conceptual framework that illuminates the elements involved in making friends, becoming close and keeping friends, and in friendships deteriorating and dissolving. Each phase of the process is illustrated with empirical research.