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development and conservation: the politics of development across the three political regimes, and development in independent East Timor across four case studies of interventions delivered by various national or international development agencies. Employing a unique classificatory framework for kinds of approaches to development--coercive orders, mandated orders, negotiated orders--the book looks at the plantation-centred development of Portuguese Timor as a European colony and the integration-oriented development of 'Timor Timur' as Indonesia's 27th province. It examines the neoliberal 'democratic' development of East Timor (or Timor-Leste) in the current context of state and nation-building, before drawing on case studies to examine how development proceeds as a negotiation between the authoritative yearnings of state, non-state and international development actors and the needs of local people to adapt intervention to suit their lived realities"--
