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In his wide-ranging, incisive and provocative analysis, Hein Marais shows that although the legacies of apartheid and colonialism weigh heavy, many of the strategic choices made since the early 1990's have compounded those handicaps. Marais explains why those choices were made, where they went awry, and why South Africa's vaunted formations of the left have failed to prevent or alter them. SA Pushed to the Limit presents a riveting benchmark analysis of the incomplete journey beyond apartheid.
