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explore the etiological role of the social environment, suggesting that for "neglected populations" -- immigrants and refugees, native Indians, the unemployed, the physically disabled, the elderly, caregivers of the impaired elderly, children and adolescents, and women -- depression has significant environmental roots. These populations and the manifestations of depression that they exhibit have been largely overlooked because the importance of the social environment itself has been insufficiently investigated. The contributors of most of the essays discuss empirical findings and, taken together, provide a unique in-depth review and analysis of the international literature on etiology, intervention, and policy implications. The approach developed in this volume has obvious significance for other mental health problems with social-environmental roots. In bridging the academic/practice divide, the authors address the interrelated concerns of researchers, practitioners, and policy makers.
