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unpacks GDP -- what it measures, what it doesn't, and why -- and reveals the powerful politics that have allowed it to dominate today's economies. Lorenzo Fioramonti demonstrates just how little GDP has to do with equity and social and environmental justice, and shows that an alternative is possible."--Provided by publisher.
