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fiction and nonfiction, movies, theater, and public monuments. He identifies alternative strands of memory---tragic and brutal versus heroic and virtuous---and reconstructs controversies involving veterans, minorities, and memorials. In building this narrative, Bodnar shows how the idealism of President Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms was lost in the public commemoration of World War II, how the war's memory became intertwined in the larger discussion over American national identity, and how it only came to be known as the "good war" many years after its conclusion."--BOOK JACKET.
