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aspects of the state's history and culture. He pays particular attention to how boxing in the Silver State has intersected with issues of race, class, and gender. Written in an engaging style that shifts easily between analysis and narrative, *The Main Event* will appeal to both scholars and the general reading public"--
