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maintenance of soil fertility. Manure really mattered, as without access to biodegradable wastes from production processes or to synthetic agrochemicals, early farmers continuously developed strategies aimed at adding nutritional value to their fields using locally available natural materials. In this book, international scholars working on social, cultural, and economic issues relating to past manure and manuring, use textual, linguistic, archaeological, sci
