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Given the increasing urbanization of the world's population, how people thrive and survive in high density urban environments is a topic of profound interest to nation states and governments. Books have focused on 'poverty and place' and 'geography of opportunity,' questioning the influence of neighborhood environs on the future social mobility of those who inhabit those neighborhoods. This anthology describes and analyzes the living conditions of marginalized persons in cities and neighborhoods across the globe and the consequential impact on their future social mobility. Chapters focus on key issues that include immigration, educational underachievement, urban renewal, public health, immigration, homelessness, environmental issues, race, segregation, and the marginality of urban youth and economically disadvantaged groups.