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This book is an essential introduction and guide for a critical engagement with social problems. In short, What's your (social) problem and what are you going to do about it?
