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upon politically-correct ideology rather than historical experience. Norton offers a clear exposition of the evidence for ancient, indigenous and pre-modern queer cultural continuity, revealing how knowledge of that history has been suppressed and censored and sets out the 'queer cultural essentialist' position on the key topics of queer history ? role, identity, bisexuality, orientation, linguistics, social control, homophobia, subcultures, and kinship patterns."--
