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From climate change to GM foods, we are increasingly confronted with complex, interconnected social and environmental problems that span disciplines, knowledge bases and value systems. This book offers a transdisciplinary, open approach for those working towards resolving these 'wicked' problems and highlights the crucial role of this 'transdisciplinary imagination' in addressing the shift to sustainable futures.1. Towards a Just and Sustainable Future 10a Making Their Way10b White Skin, Black Masks10c Exploring the Doctoral Interface11a Designerly Ways of Knowing11b Rethinking Change11c All Knowledge Is Indigenous2. Beyond Disciplinary Confinement to Imaginative Transdisciplinarity3. A Philosophical Framework for an Open and Critical Transdisciplinary Inquiry 4. Collective Inquiry and Its Wicked Problems5. Ignorance and Uncertainty6. Conducting an Imaginative Transdisciplinary Inquiry7. Specialized Inquiry7a 'Now I'm Not an Expert in Anything'7b Global Inequalities in Research7c Applying Specialized Knowledge8. Community-based Inquiry8a Inclusive Governance for Sustainability8b Fences and Windows8c Calculating Community Risk9. Organisational Inquiry9a Embedded Scales9b Adaptiveness and Openness9c Truth, Knowledge and DataAcknowledgementsGlossaryIndexOverviewOverviewOverviewOvervi ewOverviewOverviewPart I: The IdeasPart II: The PracticePart III: The FutureTackling Wicked Problems provides readers with a framework and practical examples that will guide the design and conduct of their own open-ended enquiries. In this approach, academic disciplines are combined with personal, local and strategic understanding and researchers are required to recognise multiple knowledge cultures, accept the inevitability of uncertainty, and clarify their own and others' ethical positions. The authors then comment on fifteen practical examples of how researchers have engaged with the opportunities and challenges of conducting transdisciplinary inquiries. The book gives those who are grappling with complex problems innovative methods of inquiry that will allow them to work collaboratively towards long-term solutions.