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This book by Laurens Lauer offers an in-depth analysis of political fact-checking practices around the world. It explores the development and global diffusion of fact-checking initiatives, examining the various rationales behind similar practices in different contexts. The author investigates the role of media systems and public spheres in shaping these initiatives, while also considering the impact of the internet on public discourse and democracy. The book is aimed at scholars, media professionals, and those interested in understanding the mechanisms and effects of political fact-checking on society. Through a comprehensive study involving interviews and case studies, it highlights the similarities and differences among fact-checking organizations, and discusses their influence on public life.