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Using information from the latest UK elections (including 2005) these experienced authors show how both voters and parties are affected by, and seek to influence, both national and local forces. Based on the latest information and scholarship, they analyse the difference that place makes to politics. Fully illustrated with figures and tables. - ;Why do people living in different areas vote in different ways? Why does this change over time? How do people talk about politics with friends and neighbours, and with what effect? Does the geography of well-being influence the geography of party...
