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By examining the role of evidence in social policymaking and the extent of its influence, Evidence and Evaluation in Social Policy delves deeply into one of the central questions of the field for the last 20 years. Chronicles the trend towards evidence-based policy over the last decadeAssesses the ways in which scarce resources can best be used for the best care, particularly in times of austerityDescribes methodological innovation, the ways in which researchers and politicians are working together effectively, and suggestions for future improvement<