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First published in 1984, this book carefully dissects and convincingly demonstrates that conservative economics is incoherent in theory and disastrous in practice. The three main schools of thought supporting "free-market" policies - supply side economics, monetarism and rational expectations - are examined in turn and each is found defective. Three case studies of conservative policy in action follow: Reagan's U.S., Thatcher's U.K. and Pinochet's Chile and their courses are charted in depth. In addition, Robert Heilbroner and Edward Nell analyse economic conservatism's ideology and socia