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What is sacrifice? How can we identify it in the archaeological record? And what does it tell us about the societies that practice it? *Sacred Killing: The Archaeology of Sacrifice in the Ancient Near East* investigates these and other questions through the evidence for human and animal sacrifice in the Near East from the Neolithic to the Hellenistic periods. Drawing on sociocultural anthropology and history in addition to archaeology, the book also includes evidence from ancient China and a riveting eyewitness account and analysis of sacrifice in contemporary India, which engage some of the key issues at stake. *Sacred Killing* vividly presents a variety of methods and theories in the study of one of the most profound and disturbing ritual activities humans have ever practiced.
