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require federal contractors to pay a minimum wage and to prohibit contracting with federal contractors that knowingly employ unauthorized alien workers. Presidents and their staffs use specific tools, including executive orders and memoranda to agency heads, as instruments of political control of and influence over the government and the private sector. For more than a century, they have used these tools without violating the separation of powers. *Calling the Shots* demonstrates how each of these executive powers is a powerful weapon of coercion and redistribution in the president's political and policymaking arsenal." -- Publisher's description.
