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This book provides graduate students with the tools they need to understand and complete a graduate degree, regardless of how the degree is offered-online or on-campus. It also encourages them to take control of the graduate school process as much as possible and negotiate with faculty and the administration regarding all aspects of the program.
