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The Juror Factor examines how jurors reach their verdicts in complex civil trials. In particular, the book explores the relationship between "juror factors"--that is, jurors' race, gender, income, education and personal beliefs--and verdicts. While most research has found no link between verdicts and "juror factors," this book, using new, previously unavailable data, argues that the composition of a jury can have a strong effect on the outcome of a trial. The book also explores the implications of this relationship for jury selection procedures and tort reform proposals. The book's final c

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