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Many ecological phenomena may be modelled using apparently random processes involving space (and possibly time). Such phenomena are classified as spatial in their nature and include all aspects of pollution. This book addresses the problem of modelling spatial effects in ecology and population dynamics using reaction-diffusion models.\* Rapidly expanding area of research for biologists and applied mathematicians\* Provides a unified and coherent account of methods developed to study spatial ecology via reaction-diffusion models\* Provides the reader with the tools needed to construct

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