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"In How to Improve Your Mind, renowned psychologist James R. Flynn presents 20 key concepts to aid critical thinking and empower individuals to critically analyze what they read, hear, and see in our information society Presents 20 key concepts, or keys, to aid critical thinking Authored by one of the world's most eminent psychologists - and founder of the Flynn Effect Looks at topics such as Race and IQ, "good" science and the current world economic crisis Written in a clear and lucid style, illustrated with many examples "--
