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countries. Designed as a companion to *Public Policies and Household Saving* (1994), which addresses saving policies in the G-7 nations, this volume offers detailed descriptions of saving behavior in all G-7 nations except France.
