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special interest groups, a core neoliberal concern. The results demonstrate a willingness to utilise the state, often in contradictory ways, to pursue apparently more market-orientated policies. This book - through a combination of archival research, interviews and examination of neoliberal thought itself - defines the dominant strains of neoliberalism more clearly and explores their relationship with Thatcherism. "--Provided by publisher.
