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Bringing together the author's major scholarly work on Weber over the last thirty years , offering a rich examination of the major themes in his sociology, alongside a reconstruction of his mode of analysis and application of his approach, this book will appeal to scholars around the world with interests in social theory, German and American societies, cultural sociology, political sociology, the sociology of knowledge, comparative-historical sociology, and the sociology of civilizations.
