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'Biopiracy' refers either to the unauthorised extraction of biological
 resources, such as plants with medicinal properties, and associated
 traditional knowledge from indigenous peoples and local communities,
 or to the patenting of spurious 'inventions' based on such knowledge or
 resources without compensation. Biopiracy cases continue to emerge in
 the media and public eye, yet they remain the source of considerable
 disagreement, confusion, controversy and grief. The aim of this book is
 to provide the most detailed, coherent analysis of the issue of biopiracy
 to date. The book synthesises the r