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This book presents research findings on the overall process of
storytelling as a social event in Japanese everyday conversations
focusing on the relationship between a story and surrounding talks, the
social and cultural aspects of the participants, and the tellability of
conversational stories. Focusing on the participants' verbal and
nonverbal behavior and their use of linguistic devices, the chapters
describe how the participants display their orientation to the a)
embeddedness of the story in the conversation, b) their views of past
events, c) their knowledge about the story content and e)
