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As multilateral agencies, social movements, and state authorities worldwide struggle to cope with the effects of large-scale development projects, such as dam building, mining, oil extraction, forest plantations, and nature conservation, the problem of displacement remains unresolved. The crisis of "development refugees" -- those forced to relocate not by wars or political conflicts but rather because of development policies, programs, and projects is becoming increasingly prevalent across the globe. While existing studies on development-induced displacement have focused on issues such as resettlement and compensation for those displaced, this volume seeks to address displacement as a broad and multilayered phenomenon. A series of illustrative case studies drawn from around the globe provide causal accounts of why and how displacement occurs, what its effects on communities, ecosystems, and economies look like, and the normative or ethical positions held by key actors involved. Contributors offer economic, political, and cultural analyses, as well as extensive ethnographic field research, to present a picture of displacement that illustrates the depth and the breadth of the issue.