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Written from the perspective of developing countries, this book discusses the development process from a spatial perspective, focussing particularly on the evolution of the intra-national space-economy. With emphasis on African nations, this book offers a distinctive interpretation of the current situation and policy prescriptions differing significantly from previous literature in the area.
