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This book, the product of extensive research, is based on a landmark report on land degradation arising from South Africa's commitment to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification. It reflects the first complete assessment of South Africa's land degradation problem, taking into account not only agricultural and ecological concerns, but also the socio-political and historical context.
