This book brings together two key concerns in development policy - the urgent need for poverty reduction and the situation of indigenous peoples in both developing and industrialized countries. It analyses patterns of indigenous disadvantage worldwide and explores some difficult questions, including the right balance between autonomy and participation, the tensions underlying ‘pro-poor’ and ‘inclusionary’ development policies, and the new spaces that such policies may provide for indigenous peoples to advance their demands. The rich collection of country case studies illustrates that both differences and commonalities must be recognised in any realistic study of indigenous poverty. The experiences of diverse indigenous peoples provide valuable practical insights for development organisations and indigenous peoples themselves.

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