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*Negotiating the State in Urban Turkey* examines how urban residents in Turkey interact with the state and how these interactions shape urban governance. Drawing on ethnographic research in two gecekondu neighborhoods in Istanbul, the book shows how residents navigate the complex and often contradictory demands of the state, and how they use their own resources and strategies to shape their urban environment. In so, the book provides a unique perspective on the relationship between the

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