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ABSTRACT
When we think about young people dealing drugs, we tend to picture it happening on urban streets, in disadvantaged, crime-ridden neighborhoods. But drugs are used and sold everywhere, even in upscale suburbs and top-tier high schools. Drawing on my fieldwork, Code of the Suburb examines the motives, methods, and problems of drug dealers living in a wealthy suburb of Atlanta. Why do otherwise "good kids" start selling? Who do they sell to and where? How do they prevent being victimized or getting in trouble with police and parents? What happens when such problems occur? And why do they eventually quit dealing? The book answers these questions and considers their implications for the war on drugs and more. (This is my only publication without an open access version. Truly sorry. I tried to change this, and will try again down the road.)
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