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Featuring contributions from noted scholars in medical anthropology, environmental and public health studies, and related fields in the social sciences, this timely volume gets to the root of such broad concerns as to the reasons why humans degrade their environments, the resulting threats to health, societal distribution of environmental health problems, efforts of communities to limit these problems, and the very future of global human health.

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