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This book is on new institutional arrangements for solid waste collection in Accra, the capital of Ghana. It shows the impact of the government's decentralisation and privatisation policies on the practices and performances of service providers in the Accra metropolitan area. The study makes clear:

- that domestic support for decentralisation and privatisation policies imposed upon debt-ridden developing countries by donor institutions is not always self-evident, and that the fate of such reforms is largely determined by the whims of politics;
- consequently, that many conditions for successful decentralisation and privatisation are not fulfilled, especially in terms of an appropriate institutional framework and adequate financial mechanisms;
- that despite considerable odds the indigenous private sector was able to provide good quality solid waste collection services at comparatively low costs, leading to high levels of satisfaction among consumers.

This book is a useful resource for practising professionals and academics working in urban planning and development in general, and urban solid waste management in particular.



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