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“Paul Wilson has spent a lifetime fighting against the odds to improve policing, and this book provides valuable lessons from his first-hand experiences that are invaluable in tackling the challenges policing faces today. From hostility from black Londoners as a uniformed police officer, resentment from his colleagues, and battles with the police establishment, Paul courageously fought racism, bullying, and harassment throughout his police career. From establishing and leading the Black Police Association, heavily influencing the Stephen Lawrence Inquiry, discussing issues with a Home Secretary, a Prime Minister, and an American President, Paul’s impact on policing cannot be overestimated. Characteristically of trailblazers, he became the target of a tabloid newspaper’s monsterring campaign and had to take his employer to Employment Tribunal. Yet despite all this, when he retired from policing, he relocated to South Africa to continue his pioneering work. This book is not only a historical look over a fascinating career and an inspirational story of overcoming adversity, but it is also an important wake-up call in the Black Lives Matter era.”