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The book reconstructs the historical process of building and developing African regionalism, dedicating particular attention to the political knot of supranationality, around which debates, alignments and misalignments between African states have taken place since their independence. Regionalism is one of the most relevant political phenomena of contemporary international relations and Africa is the continent with the highest density of regional organizations. Born as instruments of political and economic emancipation, they represent the institutionalization of the ideal of African unity, whose roots lie in the common historical experience of oppression and exploitation suffered through slavery, colonialism and imperialism. The book's analysis of these processes allow the understanding of origin, characteristics and limits of some of the main African regional organizations at the continental and subcontinental level, as well as proposing a particular lens through which to look at the history of a continent whose dynamics are increasingly relevant to the world order.
