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Bakan (law, U. of British Columbia) sees a corporation_i.e. the large Anglo-American publicly traded business corporation_as a "pathological institution, a dangerous possessor of the great power it wields over people and societies." Drawing on in-depth interviews with players from the corporate world, Bakan explores what exactly a corporation as an institution truly is. He examines how the corporation became what it is today; the nature, and implications, of its pathological character and its power over society; and what should and can be done to mitigate its potential to cause harm. While academic, the text has been intentionally written to be accessible to both the professional and lay reader. Annotation ©2004 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR