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This book contains a selection of papers presented at an international conference entitled 'The politics of restorative justice in South Africa and beyond', held near Cape Town in 2006. The conference aimed to foster debate on and about restorative justice, its methodological assumptions, its policy permutations, and the kinds of strategic interventions and practices adopted in its name.
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