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Was Mao the first red emperor or the last great Marxist leader? Mao Zedong was held in awe by his people, seen by many as a supreme hero who had freed their country. He led a vast social revolution and made China a world power that competed with the Soviet Union as the leader of international socialism. Michael Lynch presents an engaging and thorough account of Mao's life and politics, making use of a wealth of primary and secondary sources. He locates Maoism in the broader context of twentieth-century Chinese history, discussing the development of the Chinese Communist Party, the creation of the People's Republic of China and the Cultural Revolution, and the part of Mao's China in the Cold War. Details of Mao's private life as well as his political and philosophical thought add to this diverse picture of the influential leader.