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This book, 'Leyte: The Return to the Philippines' by M. Hamlin Cannon, details the tactical, strategic, and logistical aspects of the United States Army's operations in the Leyte campaign during World War II. It provides a comprehensive narrative of the planning, execution, and challenges faced by American forces in their effort to liberate the Philippines from Japanese occupation. The book covers the geography and terrain of Leyte, the military strategies employed by both American and Japanese forces, and the significant battles, including land, sea, and air operations. It also discusses the collaboration between American forces and Filipino guerrillas. The author's purpose is to document and analyze this crucial military campaign, providing insights into military operations and the complexities of war. The intended audience includes military historians, scholars, and readers interested in World War II history.