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Sommario/riassunto	In this book, the author seeks to understand China's urban redevelopment from the theoretical perspective of the local entrepreneurial state. China's rapid socio-economic transformations since 1978 have been in large part attributed to China's state transformations. The author closely investigates Ningbo's two downtown redevelopment projects by conducting ethnographic

fieldwork and documentary research. It is found that the local entrepreneurial state deploys local state enterprises to undertake strategic urban redevelopment projects, organizes high-profile city/district marketing campaigns in entrepreneurial manners, and develops corporatist intermediations with local business owners for collaborative urban governance. Yet the local entrepreneurial state is multi-layered, with the municipal and district authorities sometimes disagreeing, conflicting, and bargaining with each other. Meanwhile, the relationship between spaces and their users, as well as that between various space users, constantly changes. All these players and their interactions constitute "spatial politics", or the story of conflicts, struggles, negotiations, and collaborations in urban governance. This work, based on six months of fieldwork, will appeal to scholars in the social sciences and experts in Asian Studies.
