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Sommario/riassunto	This study analyses the humanitarian facets of the Anglo-Russian relationship, something yet to be addressed in existing scholarship in a systematic way. It focuses on the humanitarian aid offered between the flowering of Russophilia in the 1880s up until Stalin's closing of the country in the mid-1920s, and seeks to show why a humanitarian discourse emerged from the Anglo-Russian relationship. A variety of

activists offered aid or sympathy. This book seeks to characterise the nature of their engagement with Russia's problems, and in so doing to understand the links between humanitarianism and these non-humanitarian groups and viewpoints, thereby contributing to debates on the nature of humanitarianism by arguing against the view that it derives from a fairly neutral sympathy applied to a variety of settings. Instead, this study posits that humanitarianism is intimately connected to the ideals and interests of those who undertake it. In this case, a focus on the roles of Christian, Jewish and liberal interests in deploying humanitarian solutions shows how humanitarianism developed 'from below'. It also contextualises this humanitarian interest 'from above' in the parameters of the Anglo-Russian relationship, seeing humanitarianism in relation to the broader political frameworks and ideologies to which it contributed. This book analyses the efforts of churches, pressure groups, charities, politicians and journalists to promote religious and political liberty and to relieve the victims of famines in late-tsarist and early communist Russia. Luke Kelly seeks to show why a humanitarian discourse emerged from the Anglo-Russian relationship, and assesses the nature of these activists' engagement with Russia's problems. By focusing on the roles of Christian, Jewish and liberal interests in deploying humanitarian solutions, Kelly shows how humanitarianism developed 'from below', while also examining the cause of these interests 'from above', through cultural exchanges and diplomacy. .
