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In the late 1830's, an uprising of mestizos and Maya destroyed Guatemala's Liberal government. Liberal partisans were unable to retake the state until 1871. In contrast to the late 1830's, they met only sporadic resistance. This work confronts this paradox of Guatemala's nineteenth century by focusing on the rural folk of the western highlands.
