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This book seeks to ""re-think democracy."" Over the past years, there has been a tendency in the global policy community and, even more widely, in the world's media, to focus on democracy as the ""gold standard"" by which all things political are measured.? This book reexamines democracy in Russia and in the world more generally, as idea, desired ideal, and practice. A major issue for Russia is?whether the modernization of Russia might not prosper better by Russia focusing directly on modernization and not worrying too much about democracy. This book explores a wide range of aspects of thi