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Berto's highly readable and lucid guide introduces students and the interested reader to Godel's celebrated Incompleteness Theorem, and discusses some of the most famous - and infamous - claims arising from Godel's arguments. Offers a clear understanding of this difficult subject by presenting each of the key steps of the Theorem in separate chapters. Discusses interpretations of the Theorem made by celebrated contemporary thinkers. Sheds light on the wider extra-mathematical and philosophical implications of Godel's theories.