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Sommario/riassunto	The 20th century was a dynamic period for the theatrical arts in China. Booming urban theatres, the interaction between commercial practice and theatres, dramas staged during the War of Resistance against Japan and an in-depth communication between Western and Eastern theatres all contributed to the momentousness of this period. The four volumes of A History of Chinese Theatre in the 20th Century display the developmental trajectories of Chinese theatre over those hundred years. This volume deals with the developmental process of Chinese theatre from 1900 to 1949, covering the prosperity of Peking Opera, the advent of play and colorful local dramas. The author shows that the modernization of Chinese theatre was subject to both internal factors and influences from the outside world, while modernity and localization are two contradictory but complementary dimensions in any

interpretation of Chinese theatre in the 20th century. Scholars and students in the history of the arts, especially the history of Chinese theatre, will find this book to be an essential guide.
