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"The Velvet Revolution in November 1989 brought about the collapse of the authoritarian communist regime in what was then Czechoslovakia, marking the beginning of the country's journey towards democracy. Though the political leaders of the Velvet Revolution have spoken about the transition to democracy, ordinary people's experiences have largely gone untold. In *Velvet Revolutions*, Miroslav Vanek and Pavel Mucke shine a light on everyday men and women who lived under so-called "real socialism", exploring how their values changed after the 1989 collapse. Based on 300 oral history interviews, noted Czech historians Vanek and Mucke give voice to everyone from farmers to managers, service workers to marketing personnel, manual laborers to members of the armed forces. Compelling and intimate, these grassroots histories touch upon the experience--and absence--of freedom, the value of family and friends, education and work, how people enjoyed their free time, participated in politics, and perceived foreign nations. Data from opinion polls conducted between 1970 and 2013 inform the book's analysis, offering for the first time in English a well-rounded view of the ways popular thought, trends, and attitudes changed as Czech society made the transition from Communism to democracy. From this rich foundation, *Velvet Revolutions* builds a multi-layered account of Czech history before 1989 and during the often difficult democratic transformation"--
