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Sommario/riassunto	What can we learn about the Chinese revolution by placing a doubly marginalized group-rural women-at the center of the inquiry? In this book, Gail Hershatte explores changes in the lives of seventy-two elderly women in rural Shaanxi province during the revolutionary decades of the 1950's and 1960's. Interweaving these women's life histories with insightful analysis, Hershatte shows how Party-state policy became local and personal, and how it affected women's agricultural work, domestic routines, activism, marriage, childbirth, and parenting-even their notions of virtue and respectability. The women narrate their pasts from the vantage point of the present and highlight their enduring virtues, important achievements, and most deeply harbored grievances. In showing what memories can tell us about gender as an axis of power, difference, and collectivity in 1950's rural China and the present, Hershatte powerfully examines the nature of socialism and how gender figured in its creation.

