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Sommario/riassunto	Since 1988, China has undergone one of the largest, but least understood, experiments in grassroots democracy. Across 600,000 villages, with almost a million elections, some three million officials have been elected. This book looks at the history of the elections, how they arose, what they have achieved and where they might be going, exploring the specific experience of elections by those who have taken part in them - the villagers in some of the most deprived areas of China.