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the Chinese state has responded with both legal and political strategies. This book investigates how Chinese governments have used law, and other forms of regulation, to govern working conditions and combat labour disputes. Starting from its beginnings in the Republican period the book traces the evolution of the law of work in modern China right up to the reforms of the present day. It goes on to consider the structure of Chinese work law, drawing on both Chinese and Western scholarship to provide new insights into its unique features and assess where the law is innovative and where it is stagnant and unresponsive. Finally, the authors explore the various legal and extra-legal techniques successive Chinese governments have adopted to enforce employment law and the responses of firms, workers and organizations to these practices"--
