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This book is the first comprehensive analysis of Chinese masculinity. While there is a vast Eurocentric scholarship on gender and sexuality, there has been little work addressing these issues within the Chinese context. Kam Louie uses the concepts of *wen* (cultural attainment) and *wu* (martial valour) to explain attitudes to masculinity. This revises most Western analyses of Asian masculinity that rely on the *yin-yang* binary. Examining classical and contemporary Chinese literature and film, the book also looks at the Chinese diaspora to consider Chinese masculinity within and outside China. Its use of a largely indigenous framework to analyse Chinese masculinity makes it an exciting addition to this burgeoning field.

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To my brothers and sisters  
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And to the memory of  
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