Peking Opera

Peking Opera is one of the most distinctive traditions in Chinese culture—a tradition that can seem mysterious and complex to foreign eyes. In this illustrated introduction, Xu Chengbei explains the colorful make up, intricate costumes, characters, staging, stories, and music associated with Peking Opera, and discusses the origins and development of this unique performance art. Peking Opera is an essential starting point for all those interested in this intriguing part of China's cultural heritage.
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