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When World War II ended, Chiang Kai-shek seemed at the height of his power – the leader of Nationalist China, one of the victorious Allied Powers in 1945, and with the financial backing of the US. Yet less than four years later, he lost China’s civil war against the communists. Offering an insightful chronological treatment of the years 1944 to 1949, Parks Coble addresses why Chiang was unable to win the war and control hyperinflation. Using newly available archival sources, he reveals the critical weakness of Chiang’s style of governing, the fundamental structural flaws in the Nationalist government, bitter personal rivalries, and Chiang’s personal lack of interest in finance. This major work of revisionist scholarship will engage all those interested in the shaping of twentieth-century history.

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