

Ho Chi Minh A Life William J Duiker

Ho Chi Minh, the founder of the Vietnamh and President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, having defeated Japanese and French colonialist became a hate figure of the USA during the Vietnam War. Anti-globalization activist Walden Bello shows why Ho Chi Minh should still be read by anti-imperialists the world over.

"A finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Duong Van Mai Elliott's The Sacred Willow illuminates recent Vietnamese history by weaving together the stories of four generations of her family. Beginning with her great-grandfather, who rose from rural poverty to become an influential landowner, and continuing to the present, Mai Elliott traces her family's journey through an era of tumultuous change and of hiding while French troops torched her village, watching while blossoms torn by fire from the trees flutter "like hundreds of butterflies" overhead. She makes clear the agonizing choices that split Vietnamese families; her eldest sister left her staunchly anti-communist home to join the Viet Minh, and spent months sleeping in jungle camps with her infant son, fearing air raids by day and the loss of his desperate hours of the fall of Saigon—including one nephew who tried to escape by grabbing the skid of a departing American helicopter. Based on family papers, dozens of interviews, and a wealth of other research, this is not only a memorable family saga but a record of how the Vietnamese themselves have experienced their times"—When North Vietnamese troops occupied Saigon at the end of April 1975, their leaders in Hanoi faced the future with pride and confidence. Almost fifteen years later, the euphoria has given way to sober realism. Since the end of the war, the Communist regime has faced an almost uninterrupted series of difficulties including sluggish economic growth at home and a costly occupation of neighboring countries. This book is an important and timely study of the Communist take-over and attempts to reach a balanced appraisal of current conditions in Vietnam and their ultimate causes. Some of Hanoi's problems, he concludes, are self-inflicted while others stem from the historically deep political and cultural chasm dividing North and South. Duiker's insights and assessments are essential reading for anyone interested in the political and social changes that have shaped modern Vietnam.
American foreign policy and major issues in contemporary world politics.
Part travelogue, part history, and part reflective meditation on conflict and reconciliation, Sherry Buchanan's new book offers both a personal and historical exploration of the Ho Chi Minh Trail, highlighting the critical role the Trail and the young women soldiers who helped build and defend it played in the Vietnam War. Accompanied by two travelling companions, Buchanan winds her way from Hanoi in the south, driving through the spectacular scenery of Vietnam and Laos, she encounters locations from the Truong Son mountains, the Phong Nha Caves, ancient citadels and Confucian temples to the Khmer Temple of Wat Phu at the western-most point of the Trail in Laos. Buchanan records her interactions—both scheduled and spontaneous—with those who experienced the Vietnam War first-hand, providing new perspectives on the War. She listens to the women who defended the Trail roads against the greatest bombing campaign in modern times, walks through minefields with the demolition teams hunting for unexploded ordnance, and meets American veterans who have returned to Vietnam with an urge to “do something.” Buchanan weaves informative, and often humorous, tales from her encounters with their historical and political context. On the Ho Chi Minh Trail brings together geography, history, and personal accounts to readdress the culture of indifference to the War, bringing to light the scale of the tragedy, its lasting legacies, and our memory of it.

Changing Political Economy of Vietnam

Anti-Colonial Networks, Extradition and the Rule of Law

Following Ho Chi Minh

On the Margins of Ho Chi Minh City

Between East and West

North Vietnamese President

Dame Traveler

The first English-language translation of the definitive chronicle of the Vietnamese military's view of the Vietnam War, published for the first time in the United States.

Examining memoirs, oral histories, and official documents from both sides, the author paints a vivid portrait of the infamous “Ho Chi Minh” trail used to smuggle troops and supplies into South Vietnam. Reprint.

Exploring the places where the rural and urban intersect, where many of the world's people live.

Chronicles the life of Ho Chi Minh and his fight for the independence of Vietnam.

The OSS and Ho Chi Minh

Memoirs of a North Vietnamese Colonel

The Missing Years, 1919-1941

Vietnam

Grit

The Case of Ho Chi Minh City

Remapping Public Space in Ho Chi Minh City

Ho Chi Minh explores the life of this globally important twentieth-century figure and offers new insights into his lengthy career, including his often-forgotten involvement with British intermediaries in 1945–46 and with the United States in 1944–45. Ho was the father of his nation, a major protagonist in the Cold War and anti-colonial struggle, and the promoter of distinctive Vietnamese form of communism. This biography charts his life from his early years and education in Europe to his establishment of the revolutionary pro-communist movement, the Viet Minh, and his subsequent rise to power. Placing important emphasis on his role as a military organizer while stressing his preference for diplomatic solutions, this book contains detailed analysis of the complex talks with France and failure to prevent the Franco-Viet Minh war in 1946. It also follows Ho's complex relationships with America, China, France, and Russia, and explores the Vietnam War and his legacy. In addition to providing extensive coverage of the 1954 Geneva Conference, the rivalry between Ho and First Secretary Ly Thuan Kieu, and the 1968 Tet Offensive, Ho Chi Minh is also the first English-language biography of Ho to pay close attention to his attitude to women and their role within the communist party. It is the perfect introduction for students of Vietnamese history and twentieth-century history more broadly.

A breathtaking celebration of Instagram's premier solo female travel community, featuring 200 striking photographs—most of them all-new—plus empowering messages and practical tips for solo travelers. “For those with passports full of stories, this book carries you away to every dreamy corner of the earth. I can't stop flipping through these visually incandescent pages to see where I'm capable of traveling to next!”—Callia Quinn, The Bachelor contestant and lifestyle and travel influencer From backpackers in Peru to artists in Berlin to storytellers in Morocco, Dame Traveler celebrates the diversity and bravery of women from around the world who are not afraid to think (and live) outside the box. The revolutionary Dame Traveler

Instagram account was founded by Nastasia Yakoub, who was born into a strict Chaldean-Middle Eastern community where women are expected to marry young and put aside other personal ambitions. But at the age of twenty, Nastasia embarked on a solo trip to South Africa to volunteer at an orphanage in Cape Town, which sparked a love of world travel. Recognizing a void in the travel industry, she founded Dame Traveler, the first female travel community on Instagram, now more than half a million strong. Nastasia herself has traveled to sixty-three countries on solo adventures, sharing colorful photos of her tantalizing travels along the way. Dame Traveler celebrates these women with a photographic collection of 200 stunning images paired with inspiring captions, 80% of which have never been seen on the Instagram account. Organized into sections on architecture, culture, nature, and water, each entry features travel information, plus tips, advice, unique solo-travel experiences, and wisdom from contributing globe-trotters to embolden the next generation of Dame Travelers.

Brendan Leary, assigned to an Air Force photo squadron an hour from L.A., thinks he has it made. But when the U.S. invades Cambodia and he joins his buddies who march in protest, he is shipped off to an obscure air base in upcountry Thailand. There, he finds himself flying at night over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in a secret war that turns the mountains of Laos into a napalm-scorched moonscape. As the emotional vice tightens, his moral fiber crumbles and he sinks ever deeper into a netherworld of drugs, sex, and booze. When a visit by Nixon looms, Brendan dreams up an all-squadron bicycle race to build morale, win hearts and minds in rural Thailand, and make him and his underpaid buddies a pile of money. The Big Buddha Bicycle Race is a last gasp of hope that turns into a unifying adventure—until the stakes turn out to be far higher than anyone imagined. The Big Buddha Bicycle Race is a new take on the Vietnam War. A caper on the surface, it is also a tribute to the complex culture and history of Southeast Asia and a sober remembrance of those groups who have been erased from American history—the brash active-duty soldiers who risked prison by taking part in the GI antiwar movement, the gutsy air commandos who risked death night after night flying over the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and the people of Laos, whose lives and land were devastated in ways that have yet to be fully acknowledged in Western accounts of the war.

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

The Communist Road To Power In Vietnam

A Novel

Life on the Burma Road, the Tibetan Highway, the Ho Chi Minh Trail, and in the United States

Vietnam Since the Fall of Saigon

By Ho Chi Minh

Dreaming of Money in Ho Chi Minh City

The Big Buddha Bicycle Race

Memoirs of a renowned engineer through WWII (good) and his great success as a consultant in the US (drags). c. Book News Inc.

During the Vietnam War, Time reporter Pham Xuan An befriended everyone who was anyone in Saigon, including American journalists such as David Halberstam and Neil Sheehan, the CIA's William Colby, and the legendary Colonel Edward Lansdale—not to mention the most influential members of the South Vietnamese government and army. None of them ever guessed that he was also providing strategic intelligence to Hanoi, smuggling invisible ink messages into the jungle inside egg rolls. His early reports were so accurate that General Giap joked, “We are now in the U.S. war room.” In Perfect Spy, Larry Berman, who An considered his official American biographer, chronicles the extraordinary life of one of the twentieth century's most fascinating spies.

This title examines the remarkable life of Ho Chi Minh. Readers will learn about Hols family background, childhood, education, and revolutionary work as a visionary communist leader and first president of Vietnam. Color and black & white photos and informative sidebars accompany easy-to-read, compelling text. Features include a table of contents, timeline, facts, additional resources, Web sites, a bibliography, and an index. Essential Lives is a series in Essential Library, an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

The expanding use of money in contemporary Vietnam has been propelled by the rise of new markets, digital telecommunications, and an ideological emphasis on money's autonomy from the state. People in Vietnam use the metaphor of “open doors” to describe their everyday experiences of market liberalization and to designate the end of Vietnam's postwar social isolation and return to a consumer- oriented environment. Dreaming of Money in Ho Chi Minh City examines how money is redefining social identities, moral economies, and economic citizenship in Vietnam. It shows how people use money as a standard of value to measure social and moral worth, how money is used to create new hierarchies of privilege and to limit freedom, and how both domestic and global monetary politics affect the cultural politics of identity in Vietnam. Drawing on interviews with shopkeepers, bankers, vendors, and foreign investors, Allison Truitt explores the function of money in everyday life. From counterfeit currencies to street-side lotteries, from gold shops to crowded temples, she relates money's relationship to performances of identity. By locating money in domains often relegated to the margins of the economy—households, religion, and gender- she demonstrates how money is shaping ordinary people's sense of belonging and citizenship in Vietnam.

A New History

The Blood Road

Ho Chi Minh, (1890 - 1969)

Inside Out & Back Again

Saigon's Edge

Ho

Ho Chi Minh Biography - The Secrets of His Life During The Vietnam War

Ho Chi Minh, President of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, tells what motivated a nation of illiterate peasants to sacrifice millions of their own people to defeat some of the world's most technologically advanced military machines: Japanese, French, and American. Ho explains what the Vietnamese people were angry about in this point-by-point indictment of colonialism written in 1924. For example, Ho writes about a mutiny of Vietnamese sailors when ordered to take Vietnamese infantrymen to fight in Syria, while also detailing Syrian objections to French occupation. Some will be shocked to find out that the United States and Ho Chi Minh, our nemesis for much of the Vietnam War, were once allies. Indeed, during the last year of World War II, American spies in Indochina found themselves working closely with Ho Chi Minh and other anti-colonial factions—compelled by circumstances to fight together against the Japanese. Dixee Bartholomew-Feis reveals how this relationship emerged and operated and how it impacted Vietnam's struggle for independence. The men of General William Donovan's newly-formed Office of Strategic Services closely collaborated with communist groups in both Europe and Asia against the Axis enemies. In Vietnam, this meant that OSS officers worked with Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh, whose ultimate aim was to rid the region of all imperialist powers, not just the Japanese. Ho, for his part, did whatever he could to encourage the OSS's negative view of the French, who were desperate to regain their colony. Revealing details not previously known about their covert operations, Bartholomew-Feis chronicles the exploits of these allies as they developed their network of informants, sabotaged the Japanese occupier's infrastructure, conducted guerrilla operations, and searched for downed American fliers and Allied POWs. Although the OSS did not bring Ho Chi Minh to power, Bartholomew-Feis shows that it apparent support for the Viet Minh played a significant symbolic role in helping them fill the power vacuum left in the wake of Japan's surrender. Her study also hints that, had American continued to champion the anti-colonials and their quest for independence, rather than caving in to the French, we might have been spared our long and veylthal war in Vietnam. Based partly on interviews with surviving OSS agents who served in Vietnam, Bartholomew-Feis's engaging narrative and compelling insights speak to the yearnings of an oppressed people—and remind us that history does indeed mark strange bedfellows.

This is the incredible story of Bao Luong, Vietnam's first female political prisoner. In 1927, when she was just 18, Bao Luong left her village home to join Ho Chi Minh's Revolutionary Youth League and fight both for national independence and for women's equality. A year later, she became embroiled in the Barberie Street murder, a crime in which unruly passion was mixed with revolutionary ardor. By the time of her sensational trial, Bao Luong's beloved Revolutionary Youth League had ceased to exist. Weaving together Bao Luong's own memoir with excerpts from newspaper articles, family gossip, and official documents, this book by Bao Luong's niece takes us from rural life in the Mekong Delta to the bustle of colonial Saigon. It provides a rare snapshot of Vietnam in the first decades of the twentieth century and a compelling account of one woman's struggle to make a place for herself in the world amidst intense political intrigue.

Based on an interview with a Vietnamese woman, She left home with a dream of a better life in the United States of America after the fall of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon) in 1975. She told me, "Once you start your journey, never look back, go forward no matter how many times you encounter adversity. Just regroup, think about your final goal, think about your dream. Never give up! It took me over 30 years to succeed and be where I am now. Sometimes life is not good for you, but success is always in front of you, and it is up to you to make it happen. During my Thailand journey over 30 years ago, I decided to get to the USA. That was the first dream that kept me alive and well, but it was not easy. Once in the USA, I had relucosed, and I asked myself what my dream was now that I arrived here. I was lucky to meet a person that kept me under her wings and teach me a profession. Under her supervision, I realized that I wanted to be the best of the best in that field. I became the best, and I grew the business with a little luck after twenty-five years. Thirty years after my journey started, I successfully own five shops around Southern California, and they are all doing well. So, in conclusion, I will tell everyone, no matter how many times you fail or encounter adversities, stay on course and think about your final destination, your dream. If you dream big, you will reach and settle for a smaller dream even if you fail. I heard people saying -Aim for The Stars, If You Fail, You'll Land on The Moon."

The Art of Resistance

A Biography

The Case Against French Colonialization (Translation)

Ho Chi Minh in Hong Kong

A Short Ride in the Jungle

Victory in Vietnam

Perfect Spy

Two of the twentieth century's most fascinating figures, Ernest Hemingway and Ho Chi Minh, grappling with a world in which Western culture and their respective governments were falling them, came to Paris at the same time in the 1920s. Trained by their faiths to give their lives to and for others, each had survived a terrifying near-death experience, leading to the realization that this belief in service and sacrifice had been exploited for others' gain. They came to Paris to resist this violent heresy and learn what compassion could do. In Paris, the City of Light, Ho and Hemingway found movements that resisted an overly aggressive Western culture that gave too little, both materially and spiritually, to its young people, to its struggling poor, and to the colonies it oppressed. They learned the arts of resistance, which involved psychologically realistic writing, hostility toward sexual and political repressions, a celebration of working people, the exposure of exploitations such as colonialism and militarism, and an ongoing struggle to determine whether violence was required to bring about a more just and nourishing civilization. Before leaving Paris, each began to gain an international reputation. Ho for documenting colonial ills and crafting political demands, Hemingway for writing parables of youthful survival amid rampant international violence. Hemingway and Ho Chi Minh in Paris tells the untold, engrossing story of two young men who came to Paris to resist and left as two of their century's most famous figures.

To grasp the complicated causes and consequences of the Vietnam War, one must understand the extraordinary life of Ho Chi Minh, the man generally recognized as the father of modern Vietnam. Duiker provides startling insights into Ho's true motivation, as well as into the Soviet and Chinese roles in the Vietnam War. One of the most influential leaders of the twentieth century, Ho Chi Minh was founder of the Indochina Communist Party and its successor, the Viet-Minh, and was president from 1945 to 1969 of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam). In exploring the life and career of Ho Chi Minh, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Halberstam provides a window into traditions and culture that influenced the American war in Vietnam, while highlighting the importance of nationalism in determining the war's outcome. As depicted by Halberstam, Ho is first and foremost a nationalist and a patriot. He was also, according to the author, a pragmatist “who was able to turn the abstract into the practical and to embody the concept of revolution to his own people.” This edition includes a new preface by the author.

Traces the life of the Vietnamese leader, describes his work against French colonial rule, and examines his role in the Vietnam War.

Glimpses of the Life of Ho Chi Minh, President of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam

My Life Journey: from Surviving to Success

Down with Colonialism!

A Journey Through Vietnam and Laos

The Incredible Double Life of Pham Xuan An, Time Magazine Reporter and Vietnamese Communist Agent

Sidewalk City

Four Generations in the Life of a Vietnamese Family

"Here is a wealth of gossip level detail about life on the inside at the top in Hanoi—material Hanoi watchers lust after, seldom find."—Indochina Chronology"A rarity. A true North Vietnamese insider speaking candidly." —Book World, 30 April 2000

Ho Chi Minh is one of the towering figures of the twentieth century, considered an icon and father of the nation by many Vietnamese. Pierre Brocheux's biography of Ho Chi Minh is a brilliant feat of historical engineering. In a concise and highly readable account, he negotiates the many twists and turns of Ho Chi Minh's life and his multiple identities, from impoverished beginnings as a communist revolutionary to his founding of the Indochina Communist Party and the League for the Independence of Vietnam, and ultimately to his leadership of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and his death in 1969. Biographical events are adroitly placed within the broader historical canvas of colonialization, decolonization, communism, war, and nation building. Brocheux's vivid and convincing portrait of Ho Chi Minh goes further than any previous biography in explaining both the myth and the man, as well as the times in which he was situated. This is a well-written, well-researched, and well-told story of a man who changed the world. It is a must-read for anyone interested in modern Vietnamese history and the impact of the Vietnam War on the world. The book is a masterpiece of historical writing, and it is a pleasure to read a biography that defies conventional conceptions of public space.

This is new edition of his widely acclaimed study, William Duiker has revised and updated his analysis of the Communist movement in Vietnam from its formation in 1930 to the dilemmas facing its leadership in the post-Cold War era. Making use of newly available documentary sources and recent Western scholarship, the author reevaluates Communist revolutionary strategy during the Vietnam War. Based on primary materials in several languages, this respected work is essential for an understanding of Vietnam in the twentieth century.

The Power of Passion and Perseverance

The Ho Chi Minh Trail by Motorcycle

Ho Chi Minh

On the Ho Chi Minh Trail

Too Young to Escape

The Sacred Willow

Second Edition

The definitive history of modern Vietnam and its diverse and divided past

This book explores the way in which the state has become commercialised under reform as party and government officials have gone into business and considers the impact that this has had on politics within Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. The book charts the way in which power has been decentralised to the lower levels of the party-state but argues that the central state retains significant power. These issues are explored through a variety of case studies including the implementation of different reform policies, struggles over political and business activity, and the prosecution of two major corruption cases. Particular emphasis is placed on piecing together the myriad of informal practices which dominate business and political life in Vietnam. Who's Ho Chi Minh? He was a great leader who brought the Vietnam's independence from the French colonists. This book is going to show you in action how he handled tough situations and what decisions he made to become a great leader so many people admire today. You are going to learn about his life from early childhood until death. What he learned during his trips around the world and how that shaped him as a person? You are going to witness his story and all incredible challenges he went through to become what most people consider a man with revolutionary vision. You'll discover secrets most people would never know about his life. Grab your copy now!

This is not only the thrilling tale of a daring adventure on an aging motorcycle: it is also the story of Southeast Asia's legendary Ho Chi Minh Trail, and of a war, the effects of which can still be seen across the region and in the hearts of not only its people but of the many Americans whose lives were touched forever by it. Follow Antonia as she retraces the footsteps and tank tracks of this fascinating man, from his early days in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Alone on a diminutive pink motorcycle, she encounters bomb craters, unexploded ordnance, mud, mountains, jungle, disappointment, and triumph and almost without fail, cheerful and generous people along her path.

A Vietnamese Girl Waits to be Reunited with Her Family

Unexpected Allies in the War Against Japan

A Political Biography

Live the Spirit of Adventure

Hemingway and Ho Chi Minh in Paris

The Memoirs of Bao Luong

The Ho Chi Minh Trail and the Vietnam War

"A thoroughly researched and elegantly written account of what is arguably the most important topic in modern Vietnamese political history. [Quinn-Judge's] sources allow her to sketch a vivid, nuanced portrait of Ho Chi Minh and to unravel the complex interplay of domestic and international forces that shaped the historical emergence and development of Vietnamese Communism."--Peter Zinoman, University of California, Berkeley "A thoroughly researched and elegantly written account of what is arguably the most important topic in modern Vietnamese political history. [Quinn-Judge's] sources allow her to sketch a vivid, nuanced portrait of Ho Chi Minh and to unravel the complex interplay of domestic and international forces that shaped the historical emergence and development of Vietnamese Communism."--Peter Zinoman, University of California, Berkeley I have asked permission to dedicate this book to you not only in memory of the happy evenings I have spent with you in Saigon over the last five years, but also because I have quite shamelessly borrowed the location of your flat to house one of my characters, and your name, Phuong, for the convenience of readers because it is simple, beautiful and easy to pronounce, which is not true of all your couitry--women's names. You will both realise I have borrowed little else, certainly not the characters of anyone in Viet Nam. Pyle, Granger, Fowler, Vigot, Joe--these have had no originals in the life of Saigon or Hanoi, and General The is dead: I shot in the back, so thfcy say. Even the historical events have been rearranged. For example, the big bomb near the Continental preceded and did not follow the bicycle bombs. I have no scruples about such small changes. This is a story and not a piece of history, and I hope that as a story about a few imaginary characters it will pass for both of you one hot Saigon evening.

During the aftermath of the Vietnam War, Van wakes up one morning to find that her mother, her sisters Loan and Lan, and her brother Tuan are gone. They have escaped the new communist regime that has taken over Ho Chi Minh City for freedom in the West. Four-year-old Van is too young--and her grandmother is too old--for such a dangerous journey by boat, so the two have been left behind. Once settled in North America, her parents will eventually be able to sponsor them, and Van and her grandmother will fly away to safety. But in the meantime, Van is forced to work hard to satisfy her aunt and uncle, who treat her like an unwelcome servant. And at school she must learn that calling attention to herself is a mistake, especially when the bully who has been tormenting her turns out to be the son of a military policeman. Van Ho's true story strikes at the heart and will resonate with so many families affected by war, where so many children are forced to live under or escape from repressive regimes.

In this instant New York Times bestseller, Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent, but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls "grit." "Inspiration for non-geniuses everywhere" (People). The daughter of a scientist who frequently noted her lack of "genius," Angela Duckworth is now a celebrated researcher and professor. It was her early eye-opening stints in teaching, business consulting, and neuroscience that led to her hypothesis about what really drives success: not genius, but a unique combination of passion and long-term perseverance. In Grit, she takes us into the field to visit cadets struggling through their first days at West Point, teachers working in some of the toughest schools, and young finalists in the National Spelling Bee. She also mines fascinating insights from history and shows what can be gleaned from modern experiments in peak performance. Finally, she shares what she's learned from interviewing dozens of high achievers—from JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon to New Yorker cartoon editor Bob Mankoff to Seattle Seahawks Coach Pete Carroll. "Duckworth's ideas about the cultivation of tenacity have clearly changed some lives for the better" (The New York Times Book Review). "Among Grit's most valuable insights: any effort you make ultimately counts twice toward your goal; grit can be learned, regardless of IQ or circumstances; when it comes to child-rearing, neither a warm embrace nor high standards will work by themselves; how to trigger lifelong interest; the magic of the Hard Thing Rule; and so much more. Winningly personal, insightful, and even life-changing, Grit is a book about what goes through your head when you fall down, and how that—not talent or luck—makes all the difference. This is "a fascinating tour of the psychological research on success" (The Wall Street Journal).

30 Days Surviving, 30 Years to Success

The Official History of the People's Army of Vietnam, 1954–1975 : the Military History Institute of Vietnam

A Life

Passion, Betrayal, and Revolution in Colonial Saigon

The Quiet American

It was the trial of a century in colonial Hong Kong when, in 1931–33, Ho Chi Minh - the future President of Vietnam - faced down deportation to French-controlled territory with a death sentence dangling over him. Thanks to his appeal to English common law, Ho Chi Minh won his reprieve. With extradition a major political issue in Hong Kong today, Geoffrey C. Gunn's examination of the legal case of Ho Chi Minh offers a timely insight into the rule of law and the issue of extradition in the former British colony. Utilizing little known archival material, Gunn sheds new light on Ho Chi Minh, communist and anti-colonial networks and Franco-British relations.