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China, want many authoritarian regimes, struggles with the tension between the need to foster economic advancement by empowering community officials and the regime's imperative to control them politically. Using exclusive data gathered at the municipal, county, and village level, Landry examines in detail how the advertising mechanisms for regional cadres possess allowed the CCP to reward officials for the advancement of their localities without weakening political control. Landry explores how the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) manages local officials to be able to meet up with these goals and perpetuate an unusually decentralized authoritarian regime. His research shows that the CCP's personnel administration system is a key element in explaining China's enduring authoritarianism and proves convincingly that decentralization and authoritarianism can work hand in hand.



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