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This book consists of some thirty papers and is intended as a volume describing geophysical case histories for China. The bulk of the papers deal with a characterization of hydrocarbon fields throughout China. The book will be of particular use to American and European companies who have been or are initiating exploration programs in China to gain a feel for the quality of the seismic that they are likely to acquire, how they might characterize it and relate it to the lithostratigraphy and structure of the areas they are exploring. Most of the papers are focused on oil exploration, but there are also papers on coal and ore deposits, and there's even a paper on the nature of the foundations on which the Songyueshi Pagoda was built on. This is a book for your university or company library, but unless you have specific interests in Chinese geology and geophysics, I don't think that you need to purchase it for your own shelves. The quality and focus of the papers varies tremendously. The illustrations are good and the print is clear. The paper on which the manuscript is published is a little thin so that one can read writing on the other side of the page; but once the eye is trained, you don't notice this material shining through the page that is being read. Some of the English construction is a little angular; but by and large, the English is excellent and this text is perfectly readable.