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You will either hate this book, or love it. If you do not like statistical data, its analysis, and empirical conclusion based on the former two, then this book is not for you. Additionally, this book requires that you possess background knowledge in the subject, otherwise you will often find yourself lost. However, if you are a scholar interested in the subject, you will love this book. I found this book to be an excellent tool in empirically showing the effects of Deng Xiaoping Thought and its subsequent implementation into Chinese policy. The author also does a good job in sticking to the data given, without making empty assumptions. Every Modern China scholar must read this. I gave this book 5 stars based on a scholarly view. If this review was based on a non-scholarly view, I would have to give it a 3.

It has become a truism that continued economic reform in China will contribute to political change. Policy makers as well as many scholars expect that formation of a private sector will lead, directly or indirectly through the emergence of a civil society, to political change and ultimately democratization. The rapidly growing numbers of private entrepreneurs, the formation of business associations, and the cooperative relationships between entrepreneurs and local officials are seen as initial indicators of a transition from China's still nominally communist political system. This book, first published in 2003, focuses on two related issues: whether the Chinese Communist Party is willing and able to adapt to the economic environment its reforms are bringing about, and whether China's 'red capitalists', private entrepreneurs who also belong to the communist party, are likely to be agents of political change.

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