



Famine: A Short History

By Cormac O Grada

Princeton University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Famine: A Short History, Cormac O Grada, Famine remains one of the worst calamities that can befall a society. Mass starvation--whether it is inflicted by drought or engineered by misguided or genocidal economic policies--devastates families, weakens the social fabric, and undermines political stability. Cormac O Grada, the acclaimed author who chronicled the tragic Irish famine in books like *Black '47* and *Beyond*, here traces the complete history of famine from the earliest records to today. Combining powerful storytelling with the latest evidence from economics and history, O Grada explores the causes and profound consequences of famine over the past five millennia, from ancient Egypt to the killing fields of 1970s Cambodia, from the Great Famine of fourteenth-century Europe to the famine in Niger in 2005. He enriches our understanding of the most crucial and far-reaching aspects of famine, including the roles that population pressure, public policy, and human agency play in causing famine; how food markets can mitigate famine or make it worse; famine's long-term demographic consequences; and the successes and failures of globalized disaster relief. O Grada demonstrates the central role famine has played in the economic and political histories...



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