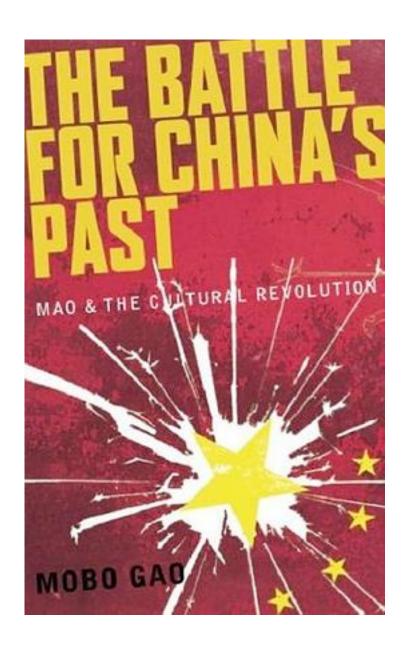
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Mao and his policies have long been demonized in the West, with the Cultural Revolution considered a fundamental violation of human rights.

As China embraces capitalism, the Mao era is being denigrated by the Chinese political and intellectual elite. This book tackles the extremely negative depiction of China under Mao in recent publications and argues that most people in China, including the rural poor and the urban working class, actually benefited from Mao's policies. Under Mao there was a comprehensive welfare system for the urban poor and basic health and education provision in rural areas. These policies are being reversed in the current rush towards capitalism.

Offering a critical analysis of mainstream accounts of the Mao era and the Cultural Revolution, this book sets the record straight, making a convincing argument for the positive effects of Mao's policies on the well-being of the Chinese people.

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评论

有些东西,是怎么洗也洗不白的,因为它从根本上是错误的。按照作者的逻辑,纳粹也可以被洗白。纳粹德国取得的成就比文革多多了。犹太人收到的种族迫害也可类比知识分子所受的阶级迫害,希特勒口中的"纯种雅利安人",是不是也可以宣称,他们认为生活在纳粹德国很幸福呢?说到底,做学术也是要讲道德的。

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