Herodotus: A Very Short Introduction
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Herodotus: A Very Short Introduction explores the recurring themes of Herodotus's work. Like Homer, he set out to memorialize great deeds in words; more narrowly, he determined to discover the causes of the wars between Greece and Persia and to explain them to his fellow Greeks. Herodotus brought his literary talents to bear on a vast, unruly mass of information gathered from many interviews throughout his travels. All aspects of his work are discussed, including his fascination with origins; his travels; his view of the world in relation to boundaries and their transgressions; and his interest in seeing the world and learning about non-Greek civilizations.