The Life and Death of Democracy by John Keane is a comprehensive history of democracy that spans over a century. The book delves into the development of democracy from its ancient origins to the present day, examining the ups and downs of democratic systems around the world. Keane argues that democracy has faced numerous challenges, including corruption, authoritarianism, and economic instability, but has generally proven resilient. The book is divided into several parts, each focusing on a different aspect of democracy, such as the role of the state, the media, and civil society. Keane's writing is clear and accessible, making the complex history of democracy easy to understand for readers with varying levels of knowledge. Overall, The Life and Death of Democracy is an excellent resource for anyone interested in the history and development of democracy.