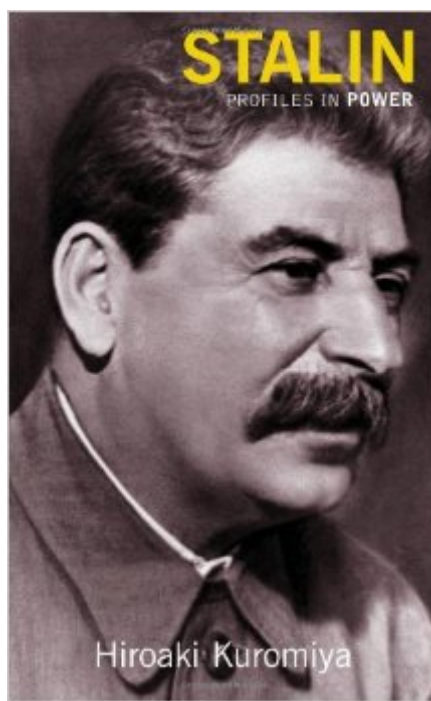


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This (relatively) slim volume is a superb introduction to the life and career of Joseph Stalin. The author makes use of very recent scholarship to provide the reader with a solid, balanced narrative. There are no new revelations here, per se, but the book would serve as a very nice text in an upper-division Russian history course. For advanced scholars, the Conclusion is particularly good, being the insights and reflections of a long-time scholar of Stalin....

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