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Sacajawea's People:
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The book offers a detailed look at the experiences of the Lemhi Shoshones—Sacajawea's people—from before their first contact with non-natives, to their encounter with the Lewis and Clark Expedition in the early nineteenth century, and their subsequent confinement to a reservation in northern Idaho near the town of Salmon. The heart of the book focuses on the 20th century Lemhi experience, starting with the liquidation of their reservation in 1907 and their forced union with the Shoshone-Bannock tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation to the south. It describes how for the past century, surrounded by more populous and powerful Indian groups, the Lemhis have fought to preserve their political, economic, and cultural integrity. It concludes with a discussion of the Lemhis' efforts to re-secure federal recognition.