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Kaiser Wilhelm II has been called the Operetta Kaiser. He was born with a crippled arm and did his level best to hide his deformation. And the royal family in Berlin did nothing to make him overcome his shame, just the opposite. Kaiser Wilhelm II visited Palestine during the same year and met Dr. Herzl at the Jewish settlement, Mikveh Israel. "Your movement is based on a very sound idea," the Kaiser told Dr. Herzl when receiving him as head of a Jewish delegation in Palestine on Nov. His young second wife donated to the NSDAP, and Adolf Hitler's Political Campaigns. The Kaiser's oldest son was an honorary SA General. His own son was killed in action fighting for the Reich on the Western Front, the Crown Prince in 1940. Within a couple of decades Kaiser Wilhelm II had led the German Reich into World War and collapse. How did the Kaiser come to have so much power? Using new archival sources, this book analyzes the Kaiser and the nature of his rule. After an original character sketch of the Kaiser, the book then examines the Kaiser's friends and favorites, the neo-absolutist culture of the court and of Berlin society, and the nature of his relationship with the court and with the administrative corps in Prussia and the Reich. A final chapter reveals for the first time the extent of the exiled Kaiser's