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Abstract:	In this dissertation I set out to question the status of the <i>Analects</i> (<i>Lunyu</i> , or <i>The Selected Sayings</i>) as the most authoritative source of Confucius's teachings and, in the process, to rethink Confucius's place in early Chinese intellectual history. Part one is a roadmap to the thousands of Confucius sayings preserved in the early corpus. It includes an in-depth discussion of Confucius quotation markers as well as a comprehensive list of texts that quote Confucius. In the course of the chapter, I argue that Confucius quotation before the advent of the <i>Analects</i> was a dynamic, creative practice in which authors treated Confucius sayings as venues for the re-performance of inherited wisdom. Part two presents the main argument for revising the dating of the <i>Analects</i> based on a reverse chronological survey of Confucius quotation practice in the early period. I conclude the chapter with the argument that the <i>Analects</i> was compiled between the 150s and 130s BCE, roughly three centuries later than the traditional account would have it. Part three brings the focus back to the <i>Analects</i> itself to read the text as a product of a Western Han political, intellectual, and textual milieu. The chapter develops as a series of nine case studies, each of which identifies a different compilation strategy employed by the <i>Analects</i> compilers. In a concluding chapter, I synthesize the arguments of the first three parts and discuss the implications of my findings for the study of early Chinese thought. In an epilogue, I also develop one concrete scenario for the creation of a Western Han <i>Analects</i> .
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