The Vietnamese Communists or Viet Minh fought the Japanese and by 1945 they controlled parts of North Vietnam. Meanwhile, in March 1945, the Japanese took control of the administration of Vietnam and when Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945 they left a power vacuum. Ho Chi Minh moved quickly to fill the vacuum. He called for an uprising called the August Revolution and the Viet Minh took control of most of Vietnam. On 2 September 1945 Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam independent. However, the great powers ignored the Vietnamese demand for independence. Under the terms of the Potsdam Conference Jap This book covers the early history of Vietnam, beginning from its prehistoric relationship with China, Indonesia, India, and other neighboring cultures around 20,000 BC up until its last emperor and the beginning of French colonialism in the mid 19th century. A lot of research and work has gone into this book, which spans some 22,000 years in under 200 pages. Yet despite all the effort, this book reads much less like a history book and more like an ill-conceived preliminary draft. The ancient history of Vietnam is a very colorful and interesting subject, but this book does not provide a compel...