This book explores Ho's pre-power political career, from his emergence at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919 to his organization of the Viet Minh united front at the start of the Second World War. Using previously untapped sources from Comintern and French intelligence archives, Sophie Quinn-Judge examines Ho's life in the light of two interconnecting themes—the origins and institutional development of the Indochinese Communist Party, and the impact on early Vietnamese communism of political developments in China and the Soviet Union.

My Personal Review:
Ho Chi Minh remains an enigmatic figure, in no small part because he planned it that way. Duiker's "(HCM)...A Life", Marr's "Vietnam 1945", and Bartholomew-Feis' "The OSS and Ho Chi Minh" have all stripped away some of the mystery, but blank spaces remain. Mrs. Quinn-Judge steps into the fray to drop some countervailing facts that challenge some of those author's judgments. One is left wondering if Ho Chi Minh was really a Communist Internationalist, or a Vietnamese Nationalist, or a man for all seasons, capable of telling everyone exactly what they wanted to hear. Her points are well made. Highly recommended for those interested enough to form their own judgments.

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