The Soviet–Polish peace treaty of 1921, also known as the “Riga peace,” ended the war of 1919–1920 and may be considered the most important Eastern European treaty of the interwar period. This book offers a post-Soviet account of how Bolshevik Russia and Poland came to sign the treaty—a pact that established the central part of the Soviet western border and provided Eastern Europe with a measure of stability which lasted until 1939. The author draws on untapped materials in Russian and Polish archives to recreate the negotiations and behind-the-scenes maneuvers leading to and surrounding the treaty. He examines the significance of the agreement not only to its signatories but also to Ukraine, Belarus, Lithuania, and Latvia; shows that the Riga peace represented an authentic compromise between Poland and Bolshevik Russia; and offers new interpretations of other crucial aspects of the negotiations as well.