Those who have read Plato's Republic before but did not understand its deepest significance. Why is Plato the best introduction to philosophy? Peter Kreeft has taught philosophy for over 50 years, including one section of a course for beginners every semester. He has tried just about everything possible, and a few new things that are impossible. He has experimented with every one of the many alternative methods available for teaching beginners. (He has A.D.D., so he easily gets bored and likes to try new things all the time.) But he has never found anything nearly as successful as Plato. Plato is the best writer in the history of philosophy. Most philosophers are dull, undramatic, abstract writers. In his Republic, Plato examines how Democracy can lead to Tyranny in a republic. We explain Plato's theory as it pertains to democracy and tyranny. In Plato's book, a full chapter is devoted to showing us how an Oligarch is lifted up as the champion of the people, and how he over time becomes a tyrant. Since Timocracy specifically devolves into Oligarchy, a state ruled by Timocrats is a slippery slope. Thus, you either have a Monarchy/Aristocracy (rule by a wise one or few), a Mixed Republic (a mixed system), or a decent to Anarchy and then Tyranny (a decent toward chaos which results in a despot taking control). This interpretive introduction provides unique insight into Plato's Republic. Stressing Plato's desire to stimulate philosophical thinking in his readers, Julia Annas here demonstrates the coherence of his main moral argument on the nature of justice, and expounds related concepts of education, human motivation, knowledge and understanding. In a clear systematic fashion, this interpretive introduction provides unique insight into Plato's Republic. Stressing Plato's desire to stimulate philosophical thinking in his readers, Julia Annas here demonstrates the coherence of hi