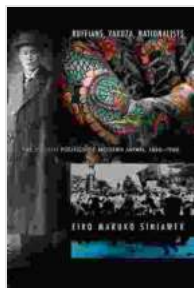


# The Bleeding Heart of a Nation: The Violent Politics of Modern Japan, 1860-1960

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