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The sequel to *Historical Dictionary of Poland, 966-1945*, by Jerzy J. Lerski (CH, Sep'96), to which Wrobel made substantial contributions, covers the postwar period and provides entries on individuals (both prominent and lesser known), groups of people (Jews, Gypsies), institutions (Roman Catholic Church), political parties, events, and current or historical topics (economy, education). Its more than 900 articles are arranged alphabetically according to the Polish alphabet, provide see and cross-references, and contain bibliographies. Other features include six black-and-white maps, a brief explanation of Polish spelling, a detailed chronology, and a general bibliography. Although the volume is extremely well organized and the articles well balanced among the different time periods, there are some omissions: a brief entry is devoted to foreign affairs, but there is none on NATO or individual countries (e.g., Germany, the US, or Russia/USSR). Some of this could have been covered in an introductory overview, if the book had one. Wrobel's book is more comprehensive (although it covers a briefer time period) than *Historical Dictionary of Poland*, by George Sanford and Adriana Gondecka-Sanford (CH, May'95), which has a more extensive general bibliography. Highly recommended for all reference collections.—*J. A. Drobnicki, CUNT York College*