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Kolakowski is a retired professor of philosophy who held positions at the U. of Warsaw, Poland; the U. of California, US; and All Soul's College, UK. Originally written in the years 1968-1976 and published in three volumes in 1978 by Clarendon Press, this intellectual history of Marxism as philosophy is presented here in one volume. The first book, The Founders, traces the roots of Marx's thought through the origins of the concept of the dialectic in the works of Plotinus, Nicholas of Cusa, Kant, and Hegel. It also discusses the development of the works of Marx and Engels and how it related to the philosophies of the Hegelian Left, Feuerbach, and early European socialists. The Golden Age follows, examining the intellectual developments that followed in the writings of Karl Kautsky, Rosa Luxemburg, Eduard Bernstein, Jean Juarez, Georges Sorel, Ludwik Krzywicky, and Stanislaw Brzozowski, among others. The philosophy and politics of early Leninism and Bolshevism are also discussed in this volume. A critical discussion of the ideology of the Soviet state takes up much of the space of The Breakdown, along with examination of the ideas of Leon Trotsky, Antonio Gramsci, Gyorgy Lukacs, Karl Korsch, Lucien Goldmann, Herbert Marcuse, and Ernst Bloch.