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Since emerging in 2006 from a 10-year Maoist insurgency, the “People’s War,” Nepal has struggled with the difficult transition from war to peace, from autocracy to democracy, and from an exclusionary and centralized state to a more inclusive and federal one. The present volume, drawing on both international and Nepali scholars and leading practitioners, analyzes the context, dynamics, and key players shaping Nepal’s ongoing peace process. Although the peace process is largely domestically driven, it has been accompanied by wide-ranging international involvement, including initiatives in peacemaking by nongovernmental organizations, the United Nations (UN), and India; significant investments by international donors; and the deployment of a Security Council–mandated UN field mission. This book shines a light on the limits, opportunities, and challenges of international efforts to assist Nepal in its quest for peace and stability and offers valuable lessons for similar endeavors elsewhere.

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