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The Azerbaijan crisis of 1946 represented a landmark in the early stages of the Cold War and played a major role in shaping the future course of Iran's political development. In this book, Louise Fawcett presents the first comprehensive study of the five-year struggle for control of Iran which culminated in the crisis of 1946.

Dr Fawcett examines both the Iranian domestic scene and the role played by the three great powers. In the first part, she explores the causes, course and consequences of the Azerbaijan crisis from an Iranian perspective. She considers the extent to which events in Azerbaijan were the product of local conditions, the position of the central government and the role of the Azerbaijan Democratic party. The author then looks at the policies of the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain, and their impact not only on Iran, but also on the relationship between these three war-time allies. Dr Fawcett argues that the Iranian crisis was a far more complex affair than has hitherto been realised. It brought into play the competitive and often conflicting relationship between not only the United States and the Soviet Union, but also between Britain and the two superpowers.

This study is based upon newly released documents in Britain and America, Persian language newspapers and memoirs, and on Russian sources. It is firmly located within the international relations literature of the Cold War and breaks extensive new ground. *Iran and the Cold War* will be widely read by students and specialists of both international relations and Middle East studies.

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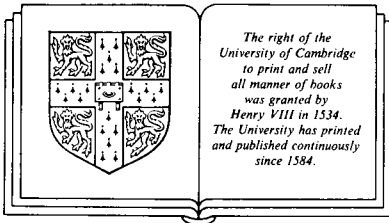
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