



Russian-American Security

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Nova Science Publishers Inc. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Russian-American Security, Petr Sidorov, Gregory J. Singh, Dmitry Medvedev, Putin's chosen successor and longtime protege, was elected President of the Russian Federation on March 2, 2008 with about 70 per cent of the vote. Medvedev, formerly First Deputy Prime Minister, announced during the campaign that if elected, he would propose Putin as Prime Minister. Medvedev was inaugurated as President on May 7th; Putin was confirmed as Prime Minister the next day. U.S. and EU observers criticised the election as unfairly controlled by the governing authorities. Nevertheless, Putin's widespread popularity in Russia led many to conclude that the election results corresponded to Russian public opinion. Furthermore, the economic upturn that began in 1999 is still continuing. The GDP, domestic investment, and the general living standard have been growing impressively after a decade-long decline, fuelled in large part by profits from oil and gas exports. There is a budget surplus, and the ruble is stable. However, some major problems remain: 15 per cent of the population live below the poverty line; foreign investment is relatively low; inflation is rising; and crime, corruption, capital flight, and unemployment remain high. Additionally, Russian foreign policy...



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