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Nevertheless, the speakers distinctive voices and viewpoints all come through clearly, and their comments are uniformly thoughtful and informative. It is a wonderful collection of insights, shedding light into the vital and influential role of State Department Legal Adviser, a position that can make or break international perceptions of the United States. More broadly, the book aims to explain the nature and role of international law through the lens of the State Department and its lawyers during times of crisis.

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The Reagan administration and Bush administration - Abraham D. For that reason, this book is to be recommended equally to government officials, to judges, to students of international law, and to the general public for the light that it throws on a little known and vitally important agency within the United States Department of State.

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