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Sreeram Chaulia's superb book traces the multiple dimensions of Prime Minister Modi's foreign policy, his deliberate crafting of a 'Modi Doctrine,' his image among the Indian diaspora, his international promotion of the country's trade and commerce, and his efforts at positioning India as a global power. For anyone interested in understanding India's international relations in the Modi era, this is an indispensable book.

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Sreeram Chaulia must be highly commended for his thought-provoking and careful analysis of Prime Minister Modi's foreign policy. Tracing its origins, nature, and impact, he situates the Modi Doctrine in the context of a unique form of transformative leadership at both the national and global levels. This fresh and engaging book deserves a wide readership inside and out of India.

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Since becoming India's prime minister in 2014, Narendra Modi has been a tour de force in foreign policymaking. A vastly experienced administrator who has held key public positions as chief minister of an Indian state for more than a decade, and now as prime minister, he has always seen value in foreign affairs and devoted special attention to it with his unique entrepreneurial flair and coherent set of ideas.

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