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An outstanding survey of the pattern and character of conflict and cooperation in North-East Asia. Beyond providing a sophisticated and comprehensive overview of the international setting of North-East Asia, the book's greatest strength lies in its exploration of the multiple foundations of regional order. Samuel Kim and his contributors are to be congratulated for their empirically rich and theoretically sophisticated analysis of North-East Asia, which will be of considerable use to students, researchers, and policy-makers alike. (*International Affairs*)

Among many books and articles on Northeast Asia, Samuel S. Kim's recently edited book is a collection of particularly insightful analyses. The authors in this volume correctly perceive the major issues facing Northeast Asia and provide an astute assessment of the region's past, current, and future dynamics. This book delves into questions that are empirically important and theoretically salient. It also harmonizes useful analyses to understand the complexity of Northeast Asia. For undergraduate and graduate students in the field of international relations, this edited volume is a sound textbook for grasping the dynamic interactions in Northeast Asia, and for exploring the theoretical applications for central economic, political and security issues. (Hyon Joo Yoo, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., U.S.A. *Pacific Affairs*, Vol. 78, No. 1 Spring 2005)

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A group of our foremost scholars provides an excellent overview of the contemporary scene, dealing with its complexities in a penetrating fashion. These essays will provide the readers with an understanding of one of the most crucial regions of today's world. (Robert A. Scalapino, University of California, Berkeley)

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