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Pfaltzgraff and Dougherty delivered the book in a clear and concise manner.

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### **Jenna Nichols says**

Very thorough, but very very dense and very dry.

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### **Victoria Lie says**

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I usually don't add books I've read for academic purposes here, but this one is special.

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### **Katherine says**

Very dense read, but thorough.

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### **Steven Peterson says**

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In its day, this was a great resource, summarizing key theoretical perspectives in the study of international politics.

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**Benedetta says**

Great reference book!

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