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local states, including Egypt, Turkey, Israel and Arab states of Syria, Jordan and Iraq, operate. It goes on to analyze foreign policy-making in key states, illustrating how systematic determinants constrain this policy-making, and how these constraints are dealt with in distinctive ways depending on particular domestic features of the individual states. Finally, the book goes on to look at the outcomes of state policies by examining several major conflicts including the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Gulf War, and the system of regional alignment. The book assesses the impact of international penetration in the region, including the historical reasons behind the formation of the regional state system. It also analyses the continued role of the external great powers, such as the United States and the former Soviet Union and explains the process by which the region has become incorporated into the global capitalist market
