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This book examines the role of Henry L. Stimson, U.S. Secretary of State under President Herbert Hoover, in shaping American foreign policy towards Japan during the critical period of 1931-1932. It explores the shift in Stimson's stance from supporting Japan's civilian government to condemning its military actions in China, known as the Manchurian Incident. The study delves into the complexities of U.S. and Japanese foreign policies during the preceding decade and analyzes the internal power struggles within Japan. Stimson's diplomatic efforts are highlighted as he navigates the challenges of upholding international agreements like the Nine-Power Treaty amidst growing tensions. The book is intended for readers interested in diplomatic history, U.S.-Japan relations, and early 20th-century international politics.

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