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In this volume, the authors identify and evaluate key faultlines in Central Asia and the South Caucasus and how they affect the likelihood and possible evolution of armed conflict in these regions. The analysis examines the ways in which the emergence of conflict could draw the US into the strife.

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