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courts have come and gone, but the ICC is the only permanent inheritor of the Nuremberg legacy. In *Building the International Criminal Court*, Oberlin College Professor of Politics Ben Schiff analyzes the International Criminal Court, melding historical perspective, international relations theories, and observers' insights to explain the Court's origins, creation, innovations, dynamics, and operational challenges.
