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Moscow, Graeme Gill shows how no single coherent symbolic programme has emerged to replace that of the Soviet period. Laying particular emphasis on the Soviet legacy, and especially on the figure of Stalin, *Symbolism and Regime Change in Russia* explains why it has been so difficult to generate a new set of symbols which could constitute a coherent narrative for the new Russia.

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