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Sommario/riassunto	The observation of a rising Asia and its rapidly growing economic powerhouses has become a truism. These impressive economic development stories provide the backbone for the growing political assertiveness in the region. Asia's economic prowess is rapidly being transferred onto the diplomatic stage. In the light of these larger developments, the authors of this timely volume investigate the

regional and international implications of a rising Asia and problematise critical developments. The first section focuses on the lack of a proper regional security community in Asia. The second part analyses the usefulness of 'Asia' as a catch-all for very distinct sub-regions. While not denying the utility of the concept of Asia as one region, the authors support the need to maintain in parallel a clear focus on issues, approaches, and characteristics that are unique to sub-regions within the continent. A third group of authors probe the regional foreign policies of key players in the region, exploring the security strategies and diplomacies of major regional actors.
