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number of high-profile case studies - including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, and Kenya - this is an essential book for anyone wishing to understand the impact of this crucial issue on contemporary African politics and conflicts."--

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