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From grassroots conflicts to great power relations, this book explores some of the key concepts, methodologies, and dilemmas of researching Asia-Pacific affairs. The book deals with key questions about the Asia Pacific: Why should we study policy from the "ground up"? What are the human considerations for societies in conflict? Why is regionalism important and how do global powers play a role? Should Asia-Pacific researchers embrace the design-based revolution in the social sciences? <i>Muddy Boots and Smart Suits</i> is for students, scholars, and policymakers in the region looking for a new way to understand local, regional, and global security challenges.