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'The Arabian Frontier of the British Raj' tells the story behind one of the British Indian Empire's most forbidding frontiers: Eastern Arabia. James Onley reveals how heavily Britain's informal empire in the Gulf, and other regions surrounding British India, depended upon the assistance and support of local elites.
