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This volume gives further impetus to the recent trend of looking beyond the major figures of diplomats and foreign secretaries when seeking to understand of British foreign policy and diplomacy during the height of empire. By focusing on the legion of influential but less well-known figures on the fringes of diplomatic circles, it reveals how it is possible to observe the ways that such individuals, often overlooked by historians, can affect government decisions.

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