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governance. The collection provides clear, concise and fresh explanations of relations between the EU and Central Asian states. An important book recommended for professionals and students of political science and international relations.
