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This book is important to help an international audience understand the cultural peculiarities behind the Scandinavian "success story". It is also vital that Scandinavians themselves read this book to help them understand the market reforms that are essential for a successful future.

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