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The book utilises Gramsci's concepts of hegemony, counter-hegemony, organic intellectuals, and integral state to interrogate how modes of engagement between the state and civil society have contributed to a polarised polity in Zimbabwe, and in turn how this has impacted democratisation processes. This was achieved by analysing intra-civil society interactions and state-civil society relations, which established deep polarised relationships that can be traced back to the liberation struggle. It also interrogates ideologies that drive these polarised relations, and how, together with material benefits from donors and the party-state, these relations impact ordinary people's modes of existence. One of the arguments that emerge from the book is that political polarisation in Zimbabwe has now morphed into an established political culture that has played a huge role in the retardation of democratic struggles. It uses ideas of entangled modernities and travelling theory to cast doubt on the belief that civil society is the 'missing key' in the democratisation of developing countries. Zenzo Moyo holds an MA and a PhD in Development Studies from the University of Johannesburg. He is currently conducting independent research on civil society, poverty reduction, governance, political developments and democracy in Zimbabwe and other countries in Southern Africa. He has worked as a lecturer at the University of Johannesburg (2016-2019) as well as a Senior Researcher at the Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection (MISTRA) in Johannesburg (2019-2021). He is still an associate researcher at both the University of Johannesburg and MISTRA.

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