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"Sharshenova's book is well-structured and highly recommended to those who are interested in EU democracy-promotion studies while looking with attention at local and regional dynamics in Central Asia."

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