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AMERICA in the WORLD

A History of U.S. Diplomacy and Foreign Policy

By Robert B. Zoellick


Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Secretary of State
"AMERICA IN THE WORLD is a highly accessible and engaging history of U.S. diplomacy written by one of the country’s smartest and most capable foreign policy practitioners. Robert Zoellick understands better than most how inseparable America’s fate is from the rest of the world, and that timely lesson shines through the pages of this book.”

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"[A] well-researched, well-written, and at times deeply passionate examination of America's role in the world."
— Andrew Roberts, author of Churchill: Walking with Destiny

"AMERICA IN THE WORLD is a sweeping history of U.S. foreign policy, from the founding fathers to the present day. Insightful, provocative, non-ideological and pragmatic, Bob Zoellick skillfully distills the lessons of history and the essential traditions of American diplomacy. A must-read for foreign policy makers and watchers alike."
— Michèle Flournoy, co-founder and managing partner of WestExec Advisors, former under-secretary of defense (2009-2012)

ABOUT THE BOOK
Recounting the actors and events of U.S. foreign policy, Robert B. Zoellick identifies five traditions that have emerged from America's encounters with the world: the importance of North America; the special roles trading, transnational, and technological relations play in defining ties with others; changing attitudes toward alliances and ways of ordering connections among states; the need for public support, especially through Congress; and the belief that American policy should serve a larger purpose. These traditions frame a closing review of post-Cold War presidencies, which Zoellick foresees serving as guideposts for the future.

Both a sweeping work of history and an insightful guide to U.S. diplomacy past and present, AMERICA IN THE WORLD (On-Sale: August 4) serves as an informative companion and practical adviser to readers seeking to understand the strategic and immediate challenges of U.S. foreign policy during an era of transformation.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR
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