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Diplomacy means different things to different people, the definitions ranging from the elegant ("the management of relations between independent states by the process of negotiations") to the jocular ("the art of saying 'nice doggie' until you can find a rock"). Written by Joseph M. Siracusa, an internationally recognized expert, this lively volume introduces the subject of diplomacy from a historical perspective, providing examples from significant historical phases and episodes to illustrate the art of diplomacy in action, highlighting the milestones in its evolution. The book shows that, like war, diplomacy has been around a very long time, at least since the Bronze Age. It was primitive by today's standards, there were few rules, but it was a recognizable form of diplomacy. Since then, diplomacy has evolved greatly, to the extent that the major events of modern international diplomacy have dramatically shaped the world in which we live. Indeed, the case studies chosen here demonstrate that diplomacy was and remains a key element of statecraft, and that without skilful diplomacy political success may remain elusive.

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Tabarek Raad says

Reading about the actual workings of diplomacy while living in an area and era that lacks it is not an easy task. The bulk of the book is devoted to the evolution of American diplomacy after the First World War and Second World War and its implications on the international community. The procedures of diplomacy resemble chaos theory: small changes somewhere can have larger effects elsewhere.

The author of the book has done an excellent job, summarizing the intricate and interconnected web of diplomacy in a short introduction bringing to the readers, leaders who have reshaped the political map of the world. The book, however, needs a chapter on the amateur politicians who run countries and enter into agreements without knowing the alphabet of diplomacy

Ahmed Kamal says

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Keith Johnstone says

Well written book but less than the title promises it to be. It does not explore diplomatic tactics or theories but provides an historic look at some incidents where diplomacy occurred

Tariq Alferis says

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Daniel Wright says

Chapter 1: Evolution of diplomacy

Chapter 2: Diplomacy of the American Revolution

Chapter 3: Diplomatic origins of the Great War and Versailles

Chapter 4: The night Stalin and Churchill divided Europe

Chapter 5: The ANZUS Treaty

Chapter 6: Diplomacy in the age of globalization

Saleh Dawara says

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Amira Mahmoud says

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Bastian says

I have learnt almost nothing from this book. I expected something about Diplomacy not a retelling of World War I, II, and Cold War History.

Zam says

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Livier I Gonzalez says

The book is a disappointment. I expected some clear ideas about what diplomacy is, including some clear examples about it with highlights. But the book was extremely short for my expectations. It was my first book of the "Very Short Introduction" series; I hope that others books from that list, that I have marked as "want to read", meets my expectations.

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