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Teresita and Howard Schaffer have brought their insights as scholars and their experience as diplomats to an important and propitious development: India's emergence as a major actor on the world stage. They put India's promising role in the twenty-first century into the context of its trajectory from independence and its leadership in the Non-Aligned Movement to its opening to the international economy and its membership in the G-20—one of several indications of its place at the high table. The authors also lucidly explain how Indian foreign policy strives to balance strategic autonomy with the challenges and opportunities of a global interdependence.—Strobe Talbott, former US deputy secretary of state

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