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This volume contains a fascinating collection of essays on Americas military interventions since the cold wars end. Taken together, these essays constitute a wide-ranging treatment and present startling and disturbing conclusions. About the Author Demetrios James Caraley is Janet Robb Professor of the Social Sciences at Barnard College and professor of political science in the graduate faculties of Columbia University. He has published numerous books and articles on national security policy, congressional policymaking, and urban politics, including *The Politics of Military Unification*, and is the editor of *Political Science Quarterly*.