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"Scott Fitzsimmons's book takes us back to the world of mercenary warfare, a field that has been under-researched for a long time. The difference these actors make in asymmetric wars and the conditions that determine their performance are important, fascinating, and timely problems. In his clear and precise analysis, Fitzsimmons goes well beyond the conventional and prejudiced picture of the greedy and bloodthirsty soldier of fortune. His investigative analysis unpacks mercenary military culture, thus significantly extending our knowledge of these actors' behavior and performance. Not only will his accessible work be highly beneficial to academics, but its implications are also of interest to policy makers." - Dr. Ulrich Petersohn, Senior Researcher, ETH Zurich

"Fitzsimmons effectively casts aside the common state-centricity in international relations theory to give mercenary groups their due treatment. In so doing, he usefully adds to the ongoing conversation between neorealism and constructivism. What is more, his well-structured and rich empirical study provides the reader with a framework to contemplate the larger and growing phenomenon of armed non-state actors on the world stage." - Dr. Christopher Spearin, Department of Defence Studies, Canadian Forces College

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