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If you are trying to understand and improve global policy, this is the place to start. Weiss takes the major issues on the global agenda and subjects them to a rigorous five-fold analysis that lets us see where the greatest gaps in the policy process really are. This is great food for thought with lots of suggestions for practical action.

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Global Governance works across so many levels. It is a terrific summary of the history of the concept. It is a terrific synthesis of debates and perspectives. It also represents a stand-alone statement of how the past shapes and reshapes what sort of global governance is possible and desirable. As expected from the scholar who has done so much to put the concept on the table and enhance our understanding, Weiss is the ultimate guide.

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This probing yet accessible book examines global governance or the sum of the informal and formal values, norms, procedures, practices, and institutions that help states, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, and transnational corporations identify, understand, and address trans-boundary problems. The chasm between the magnitude of a growing number of global threats—climate change, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, financial instabilities, pandemics, to name a few—and the feeble contemporary political structures for international problem-solving provides a compelling reason to read this book. Fitful, tactical, and short-term local responses exist for a growing number of threats and challenges that require sustained, strategic, and longer-run global perspectives and action. Can the framework of global governance help us to better understand the reasons behind this fundamental disconnect as well as possible ways to attenuate its worst aspects? Thomas G. Weiss replies with a guardedly sanguine yes.

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