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AID AND DEVELOPMENT

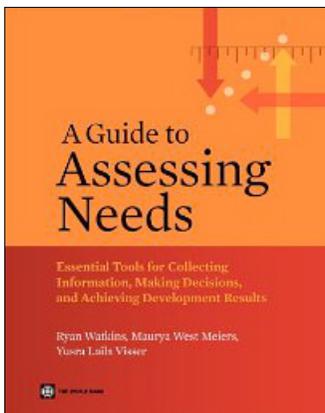


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A guide to assessing needs: essential tools for collecting information, making decisions and achieving development results. Watkins, Ryan, Mauraya West Meiers, and Yusra Laila Visser. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2012.

An e-book, this handbook outlines the process of assessing needs prior to designing a development project. Authors explain how to go about gathering and analyzing data, and how

to make informed programmatic decisions using information from a needs assessment. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](#).

Partnerships for sustainable development in small states.

London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 2011.

This succinct volume examines how small states may develop international partnerships for development. Emphasis is placed on how governance may enable participatory development and technology application.

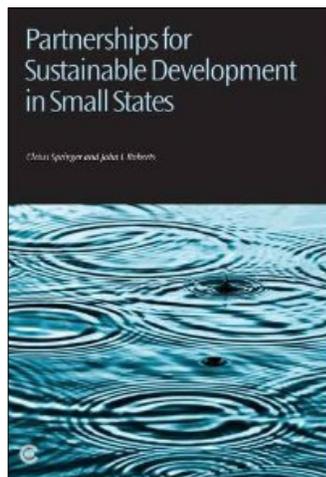


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New travel, cultural and management materials



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Psychological first aid: guide for field workers.

Geneva: World Health Organization, 2011.

This concise handbook for humanitarians outlines methods for supporting people during and after a crisis. Components of psychological first aid include addressing basic needs and connecting victims to appropriate services.

Stuck: Rwandan youth and the struggle for adulthood. Sommers, Marc. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press, 2012.

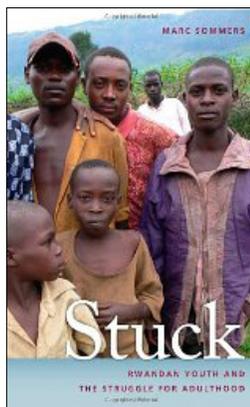


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Sommers examines how young people in Rwanda are often unable to achieve cultural expectations of adulthood due to the housing crisis and a controlling government. He explains how owning a home is the mark of adulthood for men in Rwanda, and how many young men get stuck because they cannot get married before they can provide for a family.

The third sector.

Hull, Richard, et al, editors. Bingley, UK: Emerald, 2011.

By Request

The third sector is described as the social economy and includes NGOs, community, voluntary, union, and social enterprise organizations. The essays in this volume examine the nature and roles of the third sector. Case studies from South Africa, Japan, Denmark, and Canada are included.

AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Agriculture, biodiversity and markets: livelihoods and agroecology in comparative perspective. Lockie, Stewart and David Carpenter, editors. New York: Earthscan, 2011.

Essays in this volume examine the relationship between biodiversity and markets, and how the connection influences farmers' livelihoods. Authors explore topics like conservation, biosecurity, ecosystem services, and value chains.

Livestock emergency guidelines and standards.

Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards Project. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2009.

This handbook outlines Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards (LEGS), an international set of guidelines for assisting populations with livestock during and after a crisis. Topics include veterinary services, destocking, water provision, and shelter.

Mathematical programming for agricultural, environmental, and resource economics.

Kaiser, Harry and Kent Messer. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, 2011.

This textbook introduces mathematical programming methods to solve problems in agriculture, the environment, and natural resources. It demonstrates linear and nonlinear methods for quantitative analysis. Models for functions like risk programming, environmental economics, agricultural markets, and goal programming are included.

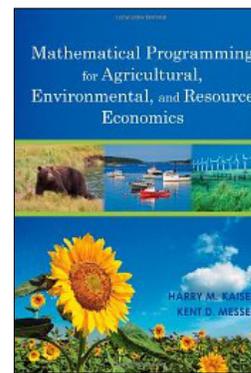


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Small-scale fisheries management: frameworks and approaches for the developing world.

Pomeroy, Robert S. and Neil L. Andrew, editors. Oxfordshire: CABI, 2011.

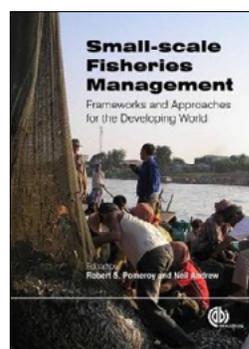


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The essays in this e-book examine the role of small-scale fisheries in food security and poverty alleviation. Authors specifically examine threats to fisheries and the livelihoods of fishermen, like climate change, conflict, trade, and markets. They suggest innovative practices for fishery management. USAID staff may download the book from CAB eBooks.

CIVIL-MILITARY COOPERATION

The U.S. military: a basic introduction. Stiehm, Judith Hicks. New York: Routledge, 2012.

This overview of the United States military provides brief explanations of topics like military culture, training, weaponry, policy, and budget.

DEMOCRACY, GOVERNANCE, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

After the Arab Spring: how Islamists hijacked the Middle East revolts. Bradley, John R. New

York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012. Oxfordshire, UK: CABI, 2011.

Bradley discusses the Arab Spring revolutions across the Middle East. He says that recent revolutions will not lead to democracy. Instead, he speculates that uprisings will pave the way for countries like Egypt and Tunisia to come under Islamic law.

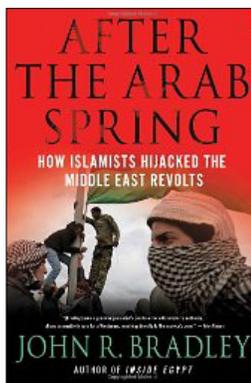


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Fatal faultlines: Pakistan, Islam and the West.

Husain, Irfan. Rockville, MD: Arc Manor, 2012.

A journalist, Husain attempts to explain how the relationship between the United States and Pakistan has influenced Muslims' perceptions of the U.S. He explains his notions of how the Islamic world feels about the West's policies and actions abroad, suggesting that Americans are not necessarily considered to be "the good guys."

How international law works: a rational choice theory. Guzman, Andrew T. New York: Oxford

University Press, 2008.

By Request

Guzman examines various aspects of international law and cooperation in foreign affairs. Topics include treaties, reputation, and customary law.

The struggle for civil society in Central Asia: crisis and transformation.

Buxton, Charles. Sterling, VA: Kumarian Press, 2011.

This book looks at the past, present, and future of civil society in Central Asia. Buxton specifically examines the role of international agencies and NGOs in the establishment of post-Soviet institutions. Topics include the slow start of progress in the 1990s, the color revolutions, and how 9/11 impacted Central Asian institutions.

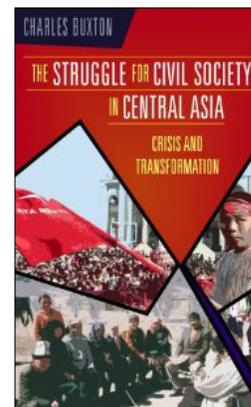


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Trafficking and prostitution reconsidered: new perspectives on migration, sex work, and human rights. 2nd ed. Kempadoo, Kamala, Jyoti Sanghera, and Bandana Pattanaik, editors. Boulder, CO:

Paradigm Publishers, 2012.

Essays in this volume examine sex trafficking worldwide and its impact on human rights. Emphasis is placed on policies and efforts to mitigate trafficking in persons.

War and state building in the Middle East.

Schwarz, Rolf. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2012.

Schwarz looks at oil-rich countries in the Middle East and how natural resources influence governance, accountability, and war-making. He specifically examines the implications of how leaders in Iraq, Jordan, and the United Arab Emirates use their income as "rentier states" to rule.

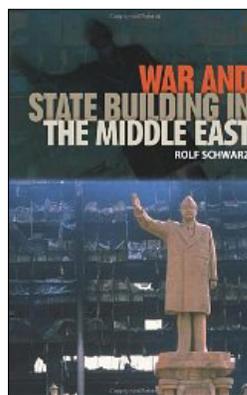


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ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TRADE

Due diligence: an impertinent inquiry into microfinance. Roodman, David. Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, 2012.

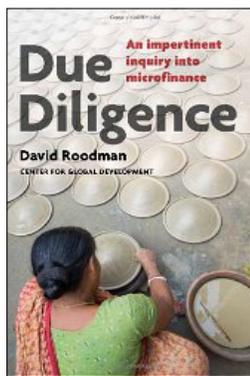


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This book analyzes several aspects of microfinance in an attempt to determine whether microcredit programs contribute to poverty reduction, economic growth, and personal freedom. Roodman concludes that although microfinance does play a part in development, it is generally not as effective as it is often perceived to be.

Entrepreneurship, innovation and regional development. Mitra, Jay. New York: Routledge, 2012.

Mitra explores regional dynamics and the various factors that influence entrepreneurship. Technology, education, social change, institutional policies, and globalization are some of the topics discussed.

Measuring global poverty: toward a pro-poor approach. Wisor, Scott. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

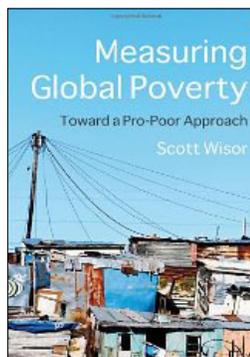


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Wisor discusses poverty measurement and proposes a new framework for quantifying poverty. He analyzes five existing approaches to poverty measurement (like monetary, rights, and capability based methods) and proposes a participatory method based on community involvement.

Why Africa is poor: and what Africans can do about it. Mills, Greg. Johannesburg, South Africa: Penguin, 2011.

By Request

Mills blames Africa's poverty on African leaders. He says that leaders have generally not taken or committed to opportunities for economic development. The aid industry's relationship with African countries is examined.

EDUCATION

Education, refugees and asylum seekers: education as a humanitarian response. Demirdijian, Lala. New York: Continuum, 2012.

Essays in this volume discuss the opportunities and challenges of providing education to asylum seekers and displaced people. Case studies from Thailand, Lebanon, North Korea, the United States, and Great Britain examine various aspects of providing education after crisis.

Literacy and mothering: how women's schooling changes the lives of the world's children. Levine, Robert A., et al. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012.

This book aims to make the connection between women's literacy and child health in developing countries. Authors discuss how girls who attend school learn communication skills that enable them to understand public health messages and apply them to their future children. Case studies from Zambia, Venezuela, Nepal, and Mexico are included.

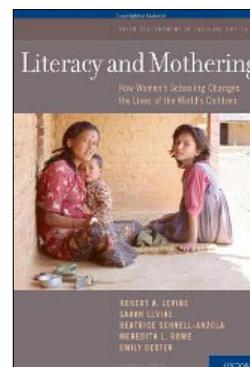


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Rethinking school health: a key component of education for all. Bundy, Donald. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2011.

Bundy says that providing access to schools is not enough to ensure Education for All, since many children in developing countries are not healthy enough to attend school. This e-book examines methods of providing health services in schools and how health and nutrition programs may boost attendance and children's ability to learn. USAID staff may download the book from the [World Bank eLibrary](http://www.worldbank.org/education/eLibrary).

GENDER EQUALITY & WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Gender, faith and development. Tomalin, Emma, editor. Warwickshire, UK: Practical Action, 2011.

This book contains journal articles from *Gender & Development* on the topic of religious beliefs in the development process. Authors examine how religion influences women's attitudes about intervention, as well as participation and development outcomes. Case studies from countries like Thailand, Nepal, and Somalia are included.

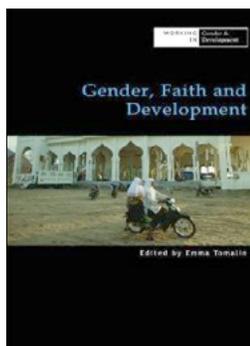


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On the frontlines: gender, war, and the post-conflict process. Ní Aoláin, Fionnuala, Dina Haynes, and Naomi Cahn. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

The authors of this book contend that gender equality should be one of the main considerations in peace and reconstruction processes. They investigate the role and efficacy of gender provisions in several interventions. Countries like Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Bosnia and Herzegovina are discussed.

HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND POPULATION

The Delphi technique in nursing and health research. Keeney, Sinead, Felicity Hasson, and Hugh McKenna. Ames, Iowa: Wiley-Blackwell, 2011.

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The Delphi technique is a health research method that is based on gathering popular opinion from a "panel of experts." This book introduces the history and applications of the Delphi technique, and covers the basics of using the technique to gather and analyze data.

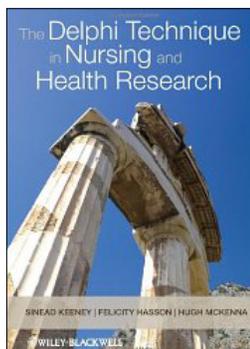


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Hope amidst despair: HIV/AIDS-affected children in Sub-Saharan Africa. Grannis, Susanna. London: Pluto Press, 2011.

This book aims to bring attention to the plight of children who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. Grannis uses data and interviews with affected children to explore the issues they face in Africa, like poverty, lack of education, and stigmatization. She also looks at what grassroots organizations are doing to improve the lives of such children.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES

Peddlers of information: Indian non-government organizations in the information age. Jakimow, Tanya. Sterling, VA: Kumarian, 2012.

Jakimow presents a study on how information and communication technologies—like the internet—influence development work on a local level. She uses the Indian organization Innovations in Village Development as a case study to examine the consequences of connectivity on the work and effectiveness of local NGOs.

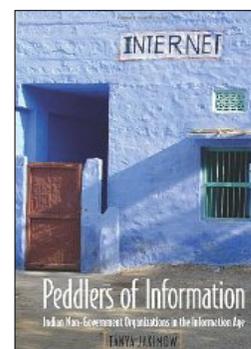


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INNOVATION

Can emerging technologies make a difference in development? Parker, Rachel A. and Richard Appelbaum, editors. New York: Routledge, 2012.

This multidisciplinary volume examines the opportunities and challenges of implementing new technologies in international development. Topics like equality, food security, energy, and governance are addressed.

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Travel, Cultural, and Management Materials from the Office of Human Resources HR/TE

AFRICA

Mighty be our powers: how sisterhood, prayer, and sex changed a nation at war. Gbowee, Leymah and Carol Mithers. New York: Beast Books, 2011.

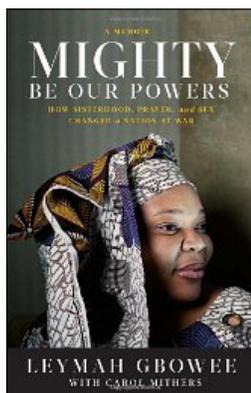


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This is the story of Meymah Gbowee, whose part in leading the peace process after the Liberian civil war is featured in the movie *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. Gbowee tells about the horror of living through war and enduring domestic abuse. She organizes and leads Liberian Mass Action for Peace, a Christian and Muslim women's group that helps to bring about peace through activism.

ASIA

Behind the beautiful forevers: life, death, and hope in a Mumbai undercity. Boo, Katherine. New York: Random House, 2012.

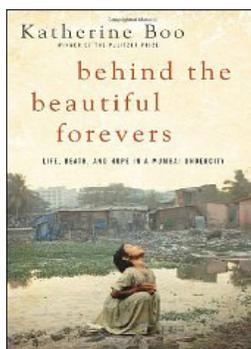


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Boo follows a few months in the lives of several people in the Annawadi slum. Narratives portray the nature of life in the settlement and the hope of its residents, their vision for better lives, and how they plan to attain their goals of transcending poverty. Life does not go as planned for everyone; however they continue to maintain hope for a better future.

Farishta: a novel. McArdle, Patricia. New York: Riverhead Books, 2011.

By Request This novel tells the story of Angela Morgan, an American

diplomat who is forced to cope with the traumatic events of her past while posted to an Army camp in Mazār-ī-Sharif, Afghanistan. She experiences difficulties and frustration when interacting with local leaders and the all-male staff of the camp.

Angela takes it upon herself to help women refugees and becomes known as farishta, or angel.

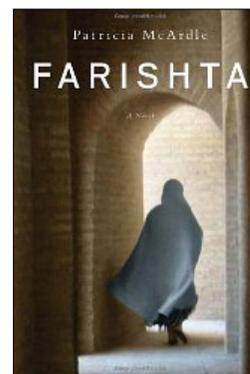


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Moondogs: a novel. Yates, Alexander. New York: Doubleday, 2011.

By Request Benicio plans to meet up with his estranged father in the Philippines, but discovers upon arrival that his father has been kidnapped. He learns about some of his father's unsavory characteristics on the quest to rescue him. Benicio enlists the help of a supernatural special operations unit and encounters a variety of interesting and connected characters on his journey.

EUROPE AND EURASIA

Complete Ukrainian. Teach Yourself. London: Hodder Education, 2010.

This book and CD set is a beginner's level resource for learning Ukrainian. Lessons revolve around practical applications, such as introducing oneself.

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Going home to teach. Winkler, Anthony. Oxford: Macmillan Caribbean, 2006.



Winkler is a white native Jamaican who, after living in the United States, returns to Jamaica to teach at a rural teacher training college.

He arrives in 1975, just as many middle- and upper-class residents are fleeing the country due to communism. He discusses the cultural lessons he learned as both a Jamaican minority and someone with an American perspective.

MIDDLE EAST

Basic modern Hebrew. Pimsleur. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006.

This audio course contains 10 lessons on basic Hebrew.

Revolution 2.0: the power of the people is greater than the people in power: a memoir. Ghonim, Wael. New York: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012.

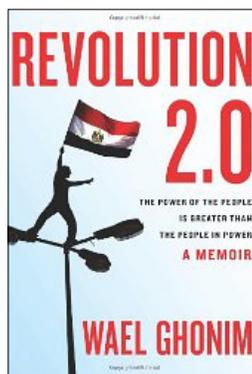


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This is the memoir of Wael Ghonim, the Google executive whose Facebook page played a large role in the 2011 Egyptian revolution. He discusses how he became a leader in the revolution and the personal implications of his role, including his arrest. Many Facebook posts are used to chronicle the uprising.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Best practice in performance coaching: a handbook for leaders, coaches, HR professionals and organizations. Wilson, Carol. London: Kogan Page, 2007.

This handbook begins by introducing performance coaching. It goes on to explore coaching techniques and various aspects of coaching, like incorporating it into a workplace culture. Worksheets and many case histories are included.

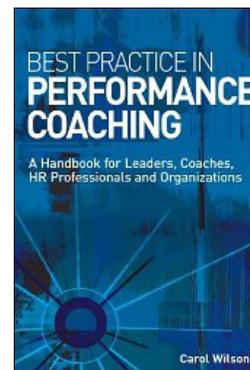


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Change or die: could you change when change matters most? Deutschman, Alan. New York: Harper, 2007.

Although everyone is capable of changing their behavior to avoid unsavory outcomes, Deutschman says that many people will not change. He explores the nature of change and suggests three steps to achieving positive attitudes and better results.

Great by choice: uncertainty, chaos, and luck—why some thrive despite them all. Collins, Jim and Morten Hansen. New York: Harper Collins, 2011.

The authors of this book identify several companies which grew more than 10 times their industry indexes, like Microsoft, Southwest Airlines, Intel, and Progressive Insurance. They examine why the companies were able to surpass their competitors. Factors like the nature of leadership, innovation, and decision-making are discussed.

Learn to Use Social Tools with Your Team

USAID staff: join the KSC's Knowledge Management team to see how USAID's social media tools enable you to share information and collaborate with colleagues.

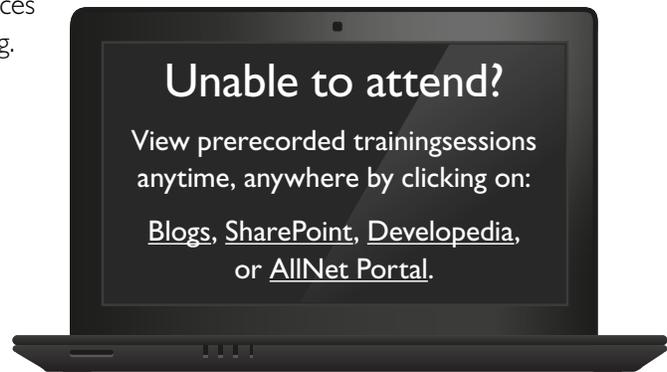
All training sessions take place in the Human Resources Training Room, level B1 of the Ronald Reagan Building.

Tuesday, March 27

10am-11am Blogs Jakarta Room

Thursday, March 29

1pm-3pm SharePoint Kathmandu Room



Quiet: the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking. Cain, Susan. New York: Crown Publishers, 2012.

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Cain says that introverts are a crucial part of society, especially since they are more likely to innovate. She explores the differences

between how extroverts and introverts communicate, as well as how societies tend to overlook the potential of shy people or those who prefer to be alone. Successful introverts are discussed.

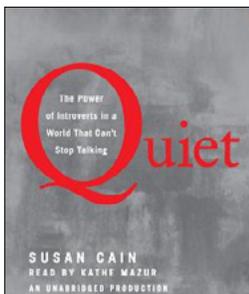


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SPRING BOOK CLUB SELECTION

Organized by the Knowledge Services Center, the USAID Book Club meets quarterly to discuss development issues raised in a particular book.

This Spring, we will discuss *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo.

Stay tuned—more details to come!

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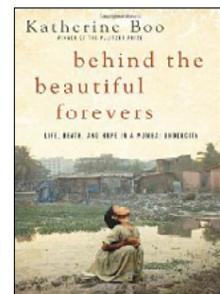


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