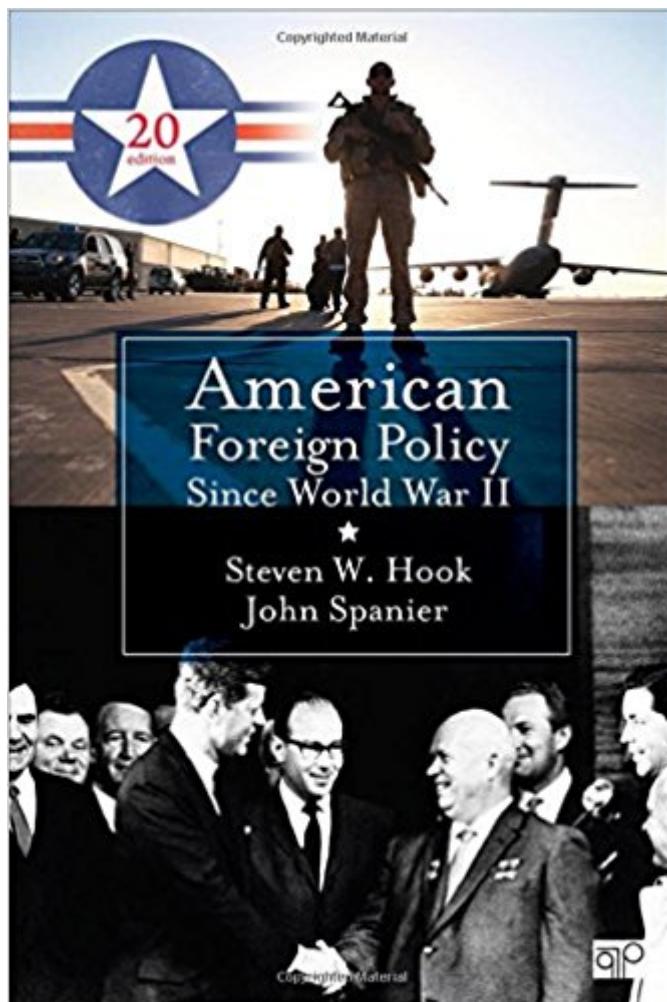


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I've never been assigned a political science textbook that I haven't fell asleep reading. This is the exception. Highly addictive, easy to read and understand. It was weird, I almost didn't want to put it down! This is a must read for anyone studying foreign policy, foreign relations and political science.

I must agree with the other 5-star reviewers. This is a riveting account of our foreign policy principles, decisions, and outcomes. The authors create high interest by presenting the period of study as a sequence of distinct foreign policy eras that are the product of changing geopolitical circumstances and national priorities. Within each era they fully discuss the foreign policy actions that took place and explain how these actions relate to the policy goals at the time and the role of our decision makers (pro and con). The non-partisan objective and fact-based style is a perfect approach to gaining a clear understanding of how we got here and why.

I have rented this book and it is in poor condition. I wouldn't pay \$5 for this quality but I need it for my summer class.

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