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explanation of when and why this kind of collective norm entrepreneurship is likely to occur. This book will be of interest to students of private military and security companies, critical security studies, global governance, international norms, and International Relations."

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