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explore the stories of security, development and violence as constructed through official policy discourse, and then through the lived experiences of interveners and civilians and local actors. The book weaves a compelling narrative which links local and global issues and focuses on the everyday practices, relationships and acts of resistance which take place in two provinces of Afghanistan. Finally, the author highlights what this book's findings mean both for what we know about Afghanistan and for how we understand international interventions and the everyday dynamics between actors who live and work in spaces of conflict. *Security, Development and Violence in Afghanistan: Everyday Stories of Intervention* will be of considerable interest to scholars and professionals with an interest in Afghanistan, aid work, humanitarian intervention, development studies, and peace and conflict studies."

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