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Résumé ou extrait : Norway and the World: Neutrality, Resistance, and Global Influence by Adrian E. Markham explores how one of Europe's smallest nations became a trusted presence on the world stage. From the struggles of independence to the complexities of global diplomacy, Norway's story is one of survival through principle rather than power. Markham follows its transformation from a country wary of entanglement to a modern state that balances caution with engagement, tracing how experience, geography, and restraint shaped its foreign policy. The book moves from the fragile neutrality of the early twentieth century through the crisis of 1940, when invasion shattered isolation and forced Norway to redefine its security. It examines the exile government in London, the birth of postwar alliances, and the difficult choice to join NATO while maintaining limits on foreign bases and nuclear weapons. Through detailed research, Markham shows how these decisions grew not from weakness, but from a deliberate strategy of measured independence. As Norway entered the global era, its role changed again. The discovery of oil brought immense wealth but also moral responsibility. Markham follows the creation of the Government Pension Fund Global and the country's commitment to manage resources ethically, alongside its leadership in mediation and humanitarian aid. From peace efforts in the Middle East and Sri Lanka to Arctic diplomacy and environmental stewardship, Norway emerges as a nation that exerts influence through trust, fairness, and reliability. Drawing on diplomatic archives, eyewitness accounts, and modern scholarship, Norway and the World reveals how this northern country turned restraint into strength. It is a portrait of quiet influence and enduring credibility, showing how Norway learned to navigate a turbulent world with clarity, integrity, and purpose.

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