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'This co-authored book offers wise insights on terrorism and security since the 9/11 Al-Qaeda attacks. The calm analysis and broad reach of the book combine to generate a clear voice within a cacophonous field. *Terror in our time* provides a refreshing overview of world events related to the evolution of terrorism and counterterrorism over the past ten years.' -- *Audrey Kurth Cronin, International Affairs, September 2011*

"Black and white have been the colors used to depict the 'war on terror' and characterize the debate about its pluses and minuses. Booth and Dunne push the reader to consider a different palette, the various shades of grey necessary to understand the ten years that shook the world since 9/11. It is essential reading." - *Thomas G. Weiss, The Graduate Center, City University of New York*

"Booth and Dunne have written a very wise book, one that deserves to be read not just by academic specialists, but also by interested members of the public and, I hope, by our leading commentators and political elite. This is a magisterial analysis of the post-9/11 decade, and I strongly recommend it to anyone interested in this most pressing problem of our time." - *Sir Steve Smith, University of Exeter, UK*

"Booth and Dunne have given us what is sorely needed in the study of terror--perspective, calm reflection, and mature analysis. Straightforward without over-simplifying, persuasive without hectoring, their book is an invitation to think and talk more mindfully." - *Robert Jervis, Columbia University*

"*Terror in our Time* is an engaging contribution to the heated debate on the significance of the post-9/11 decade. It strides into the controversies, armed with both a scholarly sensibility and a willingness to engage in controversy. Booth and Dunne diagnose the meaning of the 9/11 attacks in their wider context and weigh the problematic responses that followed in the decade after. Their persuasive message is sober and hopeful: international terror is something the world will not eliminate, but can contain." - *Michael Doyle, Columbia University*

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'Ken Booth and Tim Dunne have teamed to write a comprehensive, judicious, perceptive, and sophisticated study of terrorism and its responses during the decade following the 9/11 attacks. No thinking person should pass up this profound and compelling study of terrorism in our time that somehow manages all at once to be empathetic, impressively informed, and analytically lucid. A wonderful contribution to public discourse.' -- *Richard Falk, Princeton University*

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