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Of interest to political scientists, observers, academics and students, this is an invaluable guide to post-Cold War European relations.

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