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(Yaroslav Kryvoi, University of West London)

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“This book captures a story that needed to be told, and extracts lessons for both Myanmar and the world. As Mullen states, struggling against authoritarianism is ‘never as simple as rallying around those fighting the good fight.’”

(Aung Naing Oo, Burmese peace and democracy advocate)

“An insightful and rare analysis. Muller’s distinctive voice not only illuminates the big phenomenon but also their significance for people on the ground. An essential read for anybody interested in contemporary Myanmar.”

(Claudio Sopranzetti, All Souls College, Oxford)

“This book gives voice to all those in Myanmar who continue to fight for change. The change we see in Myanmar today did not fall from the sky. It was made by small steps won each day over years, even decades. This book documents how these steps were taken.”

(Nwet Kay Khine, journalist and former editor of the Voice (Myanmar))

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