



New Thinking and Old Realities: America, Europe and Russia

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Seven Locks Press, 1991. Trade Paperback. Condition: New. A photo of this book is available. Near-fine condition. NO remainder marks or clippings. Covers show light wear (NO tears). Tight spine, clean pages. NO writing, marks or tears inside book. 232 pages. Review Predicting the fates of the Superpowers has become dicier than forecasting the Superbowl, as this collection of essays published in association with the Johns Hopkins Foreign Policy Institute unwittingly proves. The seven writers, all but one academics, are as circumspect (and circumlocutory) as diplomats, but there are still embarrassments: one can only pity the unfortunate writer who confidently asserts that, after Vietnam and Afghanistan, "direct power projection by the Superpowers into the Third world . has largely ceased to be a threat." Despite the Gulf War, the January massacre in Lithuania and the resignation of most of the pro-democracy reformers from Soviet government - all of which occurred after these essays were written - the book's basic premise is likely to remain unassailable- "new thinking" (perestroika, German reunification, Eastern European democratization) does not change the "old realities" (Soviet antipathy to the U.S. military presence in Europe, the pivotal position of Germany, Eastern European instability). Has anyone seriously thought...

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