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Two leading presidency scholars gathered other scholars together with domestic policy advisers from past presidential administrations in 2009 for a two-day symposium at the University of Virginia's Miller Center of Public Affairs. Their purpose was to explore the complex and sometimes-mysterious world of domestic policy making in the US. Nine White House alumni joined the scholars for extensive discussions of how policy was made and the structures and processes through which decisions were made in various modern presidential administrations. The result was an excellent collaboration of scholars and practitioners that produced a valuable, important, and highly readable work that is certain to impact future presidential administrations as well as the study of policy making. The scholars who participated are among the best in the nation, and the practitioners were candid and forthcoming in their reflections. Various important "lessons" were derived from this symposium (see the chapter by Bruce Miroff) and are likely to be employed by future administrations. This book is highly recommended for college audiences and the politically interested public.

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Summing Up: Highly recommended. General readers, undergraduate students, and graduate students.