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
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#### Review

Shivshankar Menon brings coherence, insight, and narrative verve to crucial episodes in India's emergence over the 40-plus years that span his distinguished and eclectic career. Many of the choices he writes about benefited from his own sagacity. In addition to his skill as a diplomat and policymaker on behalf of his own country, he has a rare gift of understanding the sources of other countries' sense of their own aspirations, interests, and anxieties. These virtues make for a brilliant contribution to the annals of international relations. —Strobe Talbott, President, Brookings Institution and former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State

Written by one of India's premier foreign policy intellectuals and practitioners since the country's independence, Shivshankar Menon's brilliant analysis shines a powerful beam into the shadows of Indian government decisionmaking in recent years. An indispensable book for anyone who wants to understand Indian foreign policy—past, present, and future.

—Robert Blackwill, former United States Ambassador to India

Shivshankar Menon's *Choices* is a short book concentrating on five major challenges that Indian leaders have had to confront since independence, chosen because he was involved in all of them. It is written simply and powerfully. As Ambassador, High Commissioner, Foreign Secretary, and National Security Adviser, Menon played roles that were not insubstantial, but he writes with modesty and objectivity. The last chapter of the book begins with a quote from Mahatma Gandhi that "True power speaks softly. It has no reason to shout." That describes not just Menon but also the India he portrays.

—George Yeo, former Foreign Minister, Singapore

Finally an authoritative, accessible, and analytical account of contemporary Indian foreign policy, written with sophistication and style. Menon's exposition of five key choices is absolutely required reading for anyone interested in why India does what it does. It has no peer.

—Kanti Bajpai, Wilmar Chair in Asian Studies, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore

#### From the Inside Flap

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