From Intra-State War to Durable Peace. Conflict and its Resolution in Africa after the Cold War

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Based on three departure points—a novel analytical framework, previously unpublished data on conflict and conflict resolution in Africa, and a survey of external and internal structural constraints facing the continent—this volume is a comprehensive examination of intra-state armed conflicts in Africa after the Cold War; attempts to terminate them and challenges to successful war termination. The focus is on short-term concerns: demilitarisation, issues related to human and collective security, and the post-conflict distribution of political power. Chapters centre on key explanatory factors influencing the volatile periods just before and after a war is terminated, when negotiation replaces fighting and when peace agreements are being hammered out and implemented, often in an environment of fear, mistrust and resource scarcity.

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