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Central Asia's long and complex history is teeming with diverse cultures and traditions. The nations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan have served as a major cultural crossroads throughout the millennia, with many cultures meeting and blending along the way. In this comprehensive volume, readers can learn how Central Asia developed in ancient times and how the nations of the steppes evolved through the Middle Ages into modern history. The book traces their history from the Silk Road, via Russian colonization and Soviet rule, to independence. It then explains how Central Asia's nations continue to play an important role in international society today, due to their strategic significance and supplies of fossil fuels. This volume is the perfect addition to any school, public, or university library.

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