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Amazon.com Elizabeth Drew is a reporter's reporter. She goes after the facts with a vengeance, sorts through the issues, absorbs the full context and then lays out the tale in simple yet intelligent language. Her subjects in Showdown offer plenty of material for a behind-the-scenes look at a rather tumultuous time in Washington. She contends that House Speaker Newt Gingrich went too far in his fervor to scale back government. Meanwhile, the Clinton White House helped itself by standing up to Gingrich but failed to answer many of the hard questions of the debate. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. From Publishers Weekly Washington political reporter Drew (On the Edge) believes that House Speaker Newt Gingrich and his fellow conservative Republicans have overinterpreted?and outrun?their mandate to scale back government. Based on interviews with key players of both parties, her chronicle of the battle between the Clinton White House and a Republican Congress concludes that the president has regained the moral high ground with voters disenchanted with a congressional majority that seemingly has scored few positive accomplishments. Drew labels as farcical the Republican proposal to balance the budget in seven years, largely because tax cuts will make the deficit increase again after year seven. She accuses the Republicans of "playing suburban politics" by favoring their own constituencies, which do not include the poor, and by devolving

power to the states. And she persuasively argues that the debate over Republican cuts in Medicare was fraudulent on both sides?Republicans in effect proposed to change the nature of Medicare, luring the elderly into private plans, while the Clinton administration took a pass on the hard questions of controlling costs. This is a trenchant, behind-the-scenes look at the making?and possible unmaking?of Gingrich's "Contract With America." Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title. See all Editorial Reviews

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