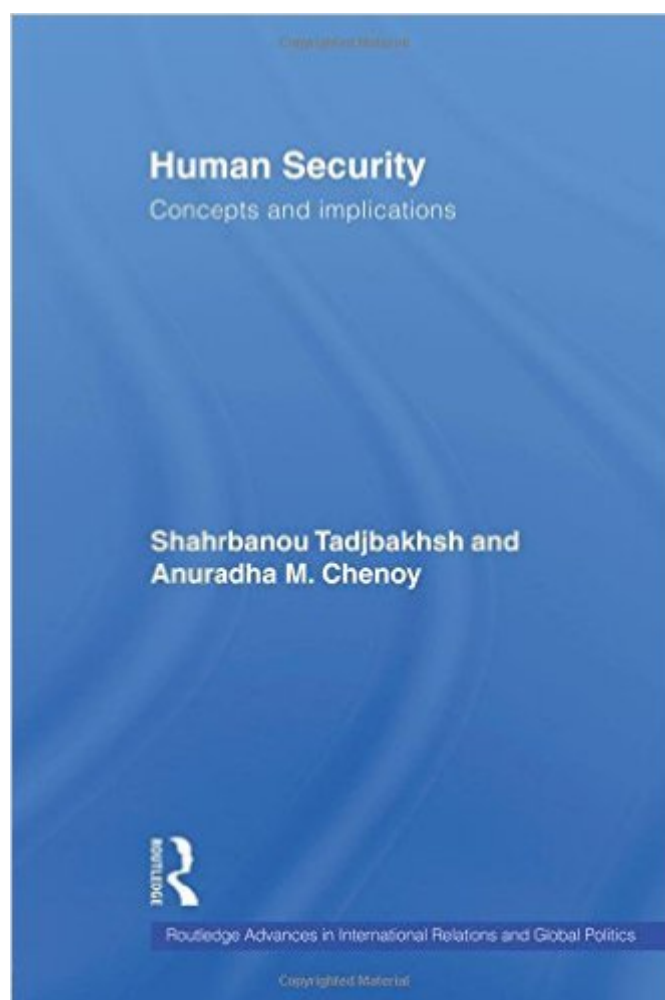


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Though I'm not crazy about the forty dollar price tag attached to the book, one cannot sue the textbook publishers for false advertising. It is a comprehensive introduction to the concept of human security and the debates that occur within the concept. I must warn everyone that this is not Saturday afternoon leisure reading, the chapters may take two-three readings to make sure that the major concepts stay firmly wedged in the brain. I had to read this for a graduate seminar and it gave me fits at times. If I could sum up the text in one sentence it would probably read "Human security is

both independent of, and yet related to human development, human rights, states, humanitarian intervention, and international aid. That makes it as clear as mud, but there's a lengthy chapter that defines the concept and its' rationale. I'm going middle of the road because this is one of the best in a shallow field of human security texts.

I had to use this book for a course I took in Human Security. While the concept of Human Security can be confusing at times, the authors manage to explain and break down the topic with ease. I would definitely recommend this book for students who are interested in, or are looking to study, Human Security. The language is clear and simple, and everything you need to know concerning who agrees with the concept, (and who doesn't) is in here. Real world examples drawn from situations where Human Security is threatened also helped mould my understanding.

Tadjbakhsh and Chenoy have given us an exceptional book on a important set of issues in these times--the central saliency of human security. This topic can be difficult to clarify or define. It sometimes seems elusive, yet when one reads and absorbs the authors insights and knowledge, and realizes that they often speak from field-informed first hand experience from their work in some of the worlds most daunting places the book takes on added significance. It is truly one of the most authoritative sources for clarity on this complex subject. Preoccupations with national security must not be allowed to crowd out the central importance of human security--it is a basic building block in the quest for peace. Corky

The book is great. It covers all different perspectives and extense bibliography on the subject with clarity and in short. I use it all the time as my reference book.

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