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“This is a very interesting, accessible, and well-researched account of how conflict disrupts the provision of health services, focusing on the Syrian civil war. Blackburn and Lenze carefully analyze the healthcare implications of the refugee exodus from Syria for neighboring states and the EU and offer important healthcare policy recommendations for ways to cope with large flows of refugees. This book provides an excellent explanation of the impact of conflict on healthcare provision, as well as a detailed, thoughtful examination of the EU’s troubled response to the Syrian refugee crisis.” —Stephen Wright, Northern Arizona University

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