



The Balance of Power in International Relations: Metaphors, Myths and Models (Paperback)

By Richard Little

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, United Kingdom, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The balance of power has been a central concept in the theory and practice of international relations for the past five hundred years. It has also played a key role in some of the most important attempts to develop a theory of international politics in the contemporary study of international relations. In this 2007 book, Richard Little establishes a framework that treats the balance of power as a metaphor, a myth and a model. He then uses this framework to reassess four major texts that use the balance of power to promote a theoretical understanding of international relations: Hans J. Morgenthau s Politics Among Nations (1948), Hedley Bull s The Anarchical Society (1977), Kenneth N. Waltz s Theory of International Politics (1979) and John J. Mearsheimer s The Tragedy of Great Power Politics (2001). These reassessments allow the author to develop a more comprehensive model of the balance of power.



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