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“This is a thought-provoking book on a radically new approach to deliberation in the sense that it looks not just at deliberation, but also at the transformative moments in the deliberative process. The description of these transformative moments is incredibly rich, and the authors really put a lot of effort in framing their findings in theoretically sound ways. I have read very few books that offer such an inspiring framework. There is no doubt in my mind that this book will eventually be a bestseller among academics and practitioners alike.”

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