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“One of the most important sets of policy decisions that all governments make is the selection, development and maintenance of a healthcare system. Giaimo not only offers a comprehensive elucidation of several important existing systems helpfully, in both middle-income and high-income countries but also places them in the context of how politics shapes key decisions and how such choices then shape subsequent policies and politics. This book is essential reading for both students of and experts in health systems.” (Jeffrey Drope, Vice President, Economic and Health Policy Research, American Cancer Society, USA)

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