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## **The Bomb**

By *Stephen M. Younger*

*Ecco*, \$26.95, 256 pages

For more than 20 years, Younger has been involved in multiple levels of nuclear weapon design, use, proliferation, and deterrence. From 2001 to 2004, he was the Director of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, part of the U.S. Department of Defense, attempting to reduce the threat of weapons of mass destruction. As such, he is eminently qualified to discuss the history of “the bomb” and its implications today and in the future. In this concise volume, he provides a history of how nuclear weapons were developed, how the concept of Mutually Assured Destruction came about, and how it affects current defense policies. From there, he begins working on today’s issues: who has the bomb and where they are aimed, replacing nuclear weapons with larger, better targeted conventional weapons, and how nuclear weapons are proliferating around the world. In the final chapters he begins to make suggestions for how to further reduce the potential of nuclear use, either accidental or deliberate. *The Bomb* is a timely book, as we are well into the 21st Century, and world conflicts are not reducing, extremist groups becoming more sophisticated, and the technology more accessible (see *The Man From Pakistan* for more information.)

