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"Why Electoral Integrity Matters is a wide-ranging study that is essential reading for anyone interested in electoral integrity. Pippa Norris draws together an impressive array of evidence to provide a comprehensive analysis of the consequences of problem elections. This insightful volume will undoubtedly prove to be a seminal work in the burgeoning study of electoral conduct."

Sarah Birch, University of Glasgow

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"There are numerous international commitments and global norms related to elections. Pippa Norris convincingly argues that we should take them seriously and use them as the basis for evaluating elections. Failing to do so can undermine political legitimacy and public confidence in the process. A must-read."

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"Norris, author of books on democratization, elections, public opinion, gender politics, and political communication, presents the first volume in a planned trilogy on electoral integrity. She challenges the "electoralist" view according to which the act of holding elections will automatically channel political action into peaceful contest among elites and give the winner public legitimacy, irrespective of the quality of those elections ... Summing up: recommended."

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"... [this] book is theoretically sophisticated and provides a brilliant comparative account of the relationship between electoral integrity and democracy around the world. [It] will be immensely useful to students and scholars of political science and comparative political sociology."

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About the Author

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