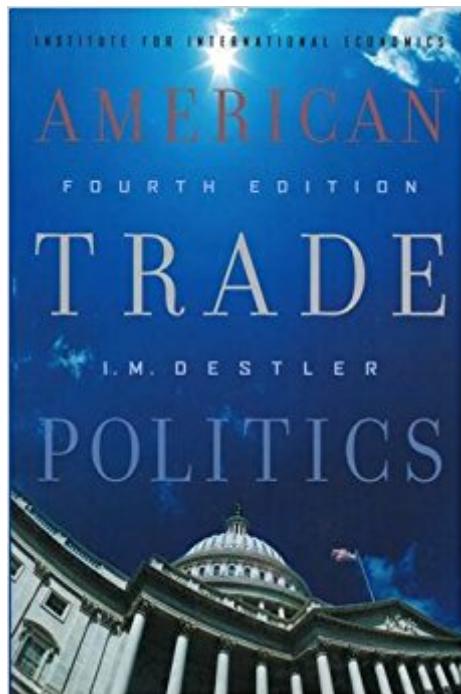


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I feel as if the author either wrote this book in one really long, rushed sitting, or he wrote it over the course of many, many years in a fragmented process. I am a political science and economics major and I love what I'm studying, but while this book combines both of those with the historical process of American trade policy, I found myself grudgingly trying to complete this book. It's far more convoluted than it needs to be and poorly organized, with obscure references and random jumps in explanation. There has to be a better way to outline and discuss American trade policy.

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