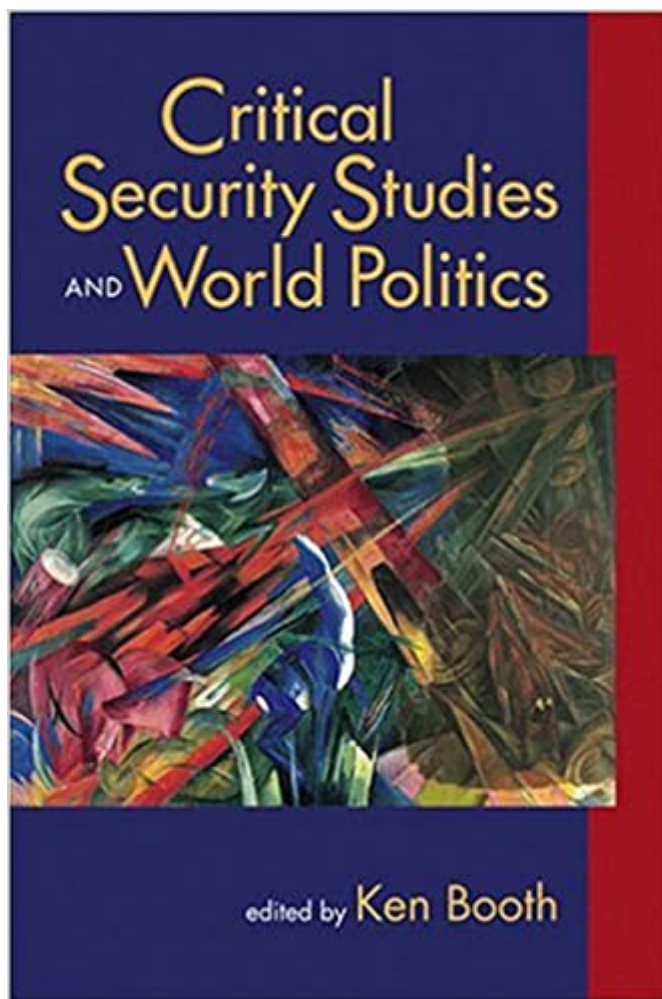


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Very informative

This is a great introduction to the concepts of critical security studies. Steve Smith's chapter on "The

Contested Concept of Security" provides an especially useful overview of the different approaches within the critical security field. In my opinion, Ken Booth and Richard Wyn Jones are not entirely convincing in their emancipatory approach, and perhaps the inclusion of a more post-structural approach to security and emancipation could have usefully offset that. Nonetheless, I very useful book and one that will no doubt be reread.

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