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The first edition of this book was hailed as original and challenging in its analyses of Thai national identity. The topic is today no less worthy of discussion and comment. The essays boldly offer insights into the formation of Thai identity from the perspectives of history, political science, anthropology, linguistics, social psychology, human geography, and media and religious studies. Written in the aftermath of the 1997 Asian financial crisis, a new chapter reflects on the way older concepts of Thai identity were transformed by the economic boom as well as by the financial crisis that followed. Topics include the debates among public intellectuals about the perils and opportunities of globalization, the dynamic relationship between local and global knowledge, and perceived challenges to Thailand's sovereignty, all of which have deep roots in the country's modern history.

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