

Praise for *Light Intervention: Lessons from Bougainville*

“This volume provides an excellent overview of the peacebuilding intervention in Bougainville. Regan demonstrates a deep understanding of the issues at hand, due to his long-standing personal involvement in the Bougainville peacebuilding process. His analysis is profound, his assessments well established, and his recommendations highly original. This book shows what a thorough case study analysis of a specific successful peacebuilding process can contribute to the scholarly and political debate on the problems of international peacebuilding interventions.”

—**Volker Boege**, research fellow, University of Queensland

“Few peace processes offer more interesting and neglected lessons than Bougainville. If you read one work to learn them, choose Light Intervention. Anthony Regan is the preeminent scholar of the Bougainville conflict. His book is a caution against going too far with the view that peacebuilding success depends on intensive multidimensional international intervention and strong state building. It was the humility of New Zealand, the UN, and other internationals that created space for a peace where locals called the shots. Regan documents evocatively how bottom-up local reconciliation with a lot of leadership from women set creative foundations for this peace.”

—**John Braithwaite**, Australian Research Council Federation Fellow and winner of the *Gravemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order* and the *Stockholm Prize in Criminology*

“Anthony Regan is without peer in his insightful and erudite understanding of the Bougainville Crisis and the peace process that ended it. This book is important for global peacekeeping. Too often international interventions become part of the problem, not part of the solution. Regan’s thesis on Light Intervention represents a compelling alternative to a burgeoning intervention industry that imposes Western templates and facilitates development dependency. His emphasis on respecting the aspirations and capacities of the host nation’s civil society, and its traditional customs and culture is timely.”

—**Bob Breen**, author of *Volume V of the Official History of Peacekeeping, Humanitarian and Post-Cold War Operations, Good Neighbour Operations: Australian Peacemaking and Peacekeeping in the South Pacific 1980–2006*

“The signing of the Bougainville Peace Agreement in 2001 has been generally acknowledged as one of the more successful peace processes of recent decades. Yet the details of the conflict and of the complex negotiations, which culminated in the Peace Agreement, are not well known outside the immediate region. In this volume, the story is carefully unraveled by one of the people who played a significant role in the achievement of a settlement. His authoritative analysis of the emerging conflict, the early failures of government policy, and the eventual movement towards resolution, reconciliation, and rehabilitation—a process characterized by what Regan describes as ‘light intervention’—makes a valuable contribution to the literature of internal conflict and conflict resolution. Like all conflicts, that on Bougainville is in some respects unique; but as this volume clearly demonstrates, there are lessons to be learned from the Bougainville experience.”

—**Ron May**, The Australian National University

“This is an excellent single case study that presents lessons succinctly and persuasively, with analytical sections that are refreshingly free from jargon. This work on the Bougainville case will be useful to government decision-makers and practitioners, IGOs and NGOs, and academics interested in conflict analysis and resolution, state building and development, and the Asia-Pacific region.”

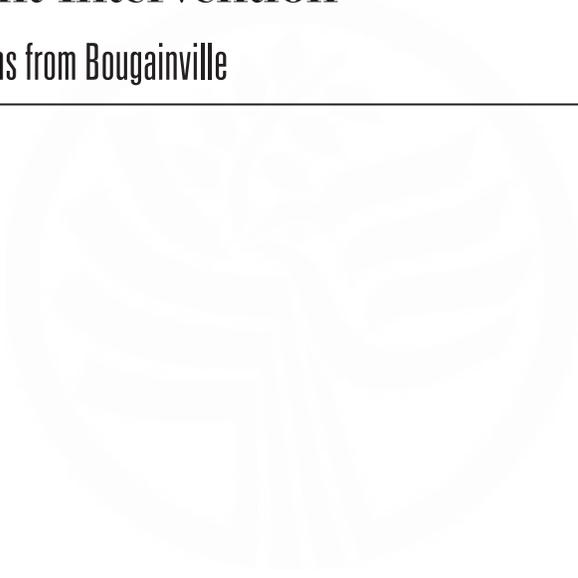
—**Christopher Mitchell**, emeritus professor of conflict research,
Institute for Conflict Analysis & Resolution, George Mason
University

“This is a story of small details and large conclusions of a small peacemaking effort in a small conflict. We can learn much from it, for big ones too. The twenty-five lessons at the end are deeply pertinent, and the story of the process behind them is good reading too.”

—**I. William Zartman**, professor emeritus, Johns Hopkins University-
SAIS and editor of *Peacemaking in International Conflict*

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