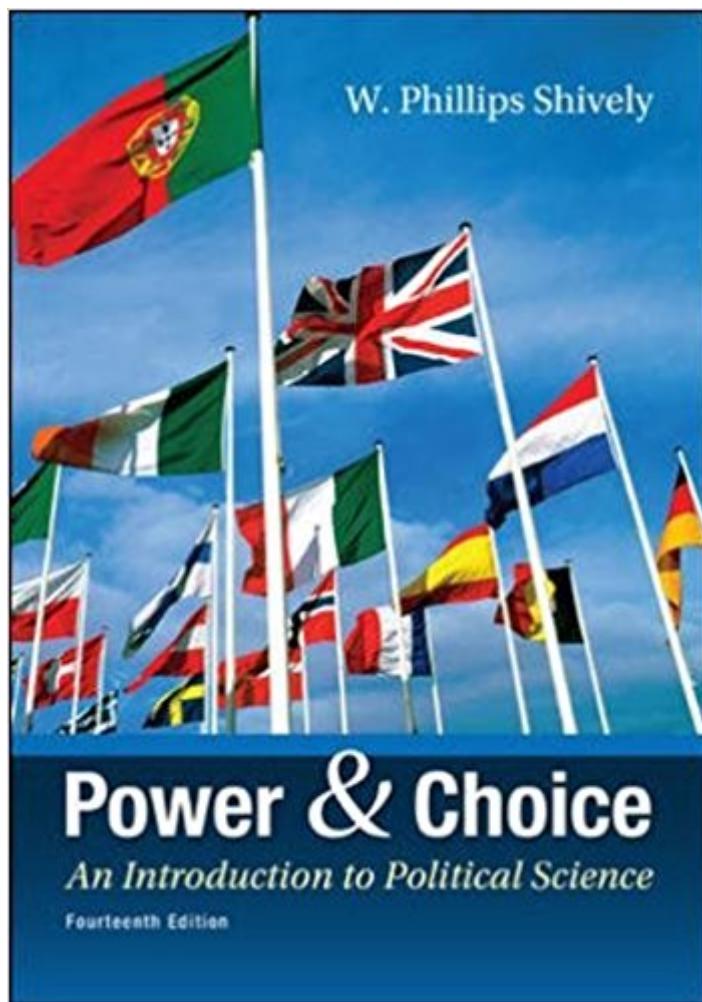


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Required for school. It was a good rental. should have just bought it - i needed it for 3 more classes

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