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How should a country implement Inflation-forecast targeting for monetary policy? This book explores basic principles and practices. A central theme is that managing expectations is essential for achieving the inflation target and for effectively managing short-term policy trade-offs. The book outlines efficient operational procedures, central bank communications, financial stability issues, and the importance of incorporating financial conditions in inflation-forecast targeting.

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