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Complementing monographs published in the aftermath of the Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon in mid-2005, this volume examines tenuous civil–military relations in Lebanon, a topic that has not been widely studied. Drawing on ethnographic research and field interviews in several North Lebanon localities and communities, the contributors to this volume analyze the key issues that challenge the internal unity of the Lebanese army and its external neutrality. That makes this collection crucial for understanding the role of the military in a deeply divided society. We are especially grateful to Florence Gaub for her epilogue, which situates the regional role of the Lebanese army in a broader context. Our final words of gratitude go to colleagues taking part in the ‘Everyday Maneuvers’ project who helped in the

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