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Review
[A] collection of subtle and scholarly essays by Benedict Anderson, author of "Imagined Communities." Anderson is a rare bird: a learned Cornell professor who writes about international politics with subversive elegance and a philosopher's flair for first principles. -- *Boston Globe, 29 November 1998*

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