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This book addresses the Federal income tax treatment of the economic activities of (1) foreign persons in the U.S. (*i.e.*, inbound transactions), and (2) U.S. persons abroad (*i.e.*, outbound transactions). Part I provides an introduction to general concepts and to income tax treaties; Part II deals with the taxation of inbound transactions; Part III addresses outbound transactions; and Part IV focuses on crossborder mergers and acquisitions, including inversions.

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