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Review

This is a great one-volume reference on Georgian history... (*American Reference Books Annual, March 2008*)

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Dr. Mikaberidze's *Historical Dictionary of Georgia* contains nearly 800 interdisciplinary entries on a variety of subjects from remote antiquity to the present. This remarkable achievement will surely become a standard reference not only for specialists of Georgia and Caucasia, but of the broader Russian, Soviet and post-Soviet, Middle Eastern, Black Sea and Inner Eurasian worlds. Highly recommended! (Professor Stephen H. Rapp, Georgia State University)

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