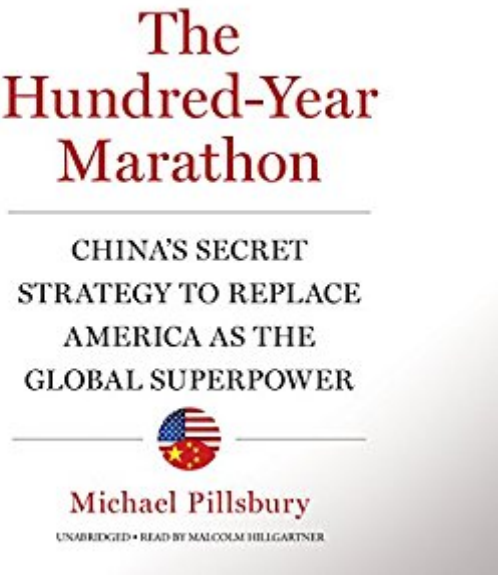
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The Hundred-Year Marathon: China's Secret Strategy To Replace America As The Global Superpower



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Synopsis

One of the US government’s leading China experts reveals the hidden strategy fueling that country’s rise - and how Americans have been seduced into helping China overtake us as the world’s leading superpower. For more than 40 years, the United States has played an indispensable role in helping the Chinese government build a booming economy, develop its scientific and military capabilities, and take its place on the world stage in the belief that China’s rise will bring us cooperation, diplomacy, and free trade. But what if the "China dream" is to replace us, just as America replaced the British Empire, without firing a shot? Based on interviews with Chinese defectors and newly declassified, previously undisclosed national security documents, The Hundred-Year Marathon reveals China’s secret strategy to supplant the United States as the world’s dominant power and to do so by 2049, the one-hundredth anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic. Michael Pillsbury, a fluent Mandarin speaker who has served in senior national security positions in the US government since the days of Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger, draws on his decades of contact with the "hawks" in China’s military and intelligence agencies and translates their documents, speeches, and books to show how the teachings of traditional Chinese statecraft underpin their actions. He offers an inside look at how the Chinese really view America and its leaders - as barbarians who will be the architects of their own demise. Pillsbury also explains how the US government has helped - sometimes unwittingly and sometimes deliberately - to make this "China dream" come true, and he calls for the United States to implement a new, more competitive strategy toward China as it really is and not as we might wish it to be. The Hundred-Year Marathon is a wake-up call as we face the greatest national security challenge of the 21st century.

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If you only have time for one book on China this year it should be Michael Pillsbury's, "The Hundred-Year Marathon." He provides an important guide to way the Chinese think about security issues, especially its competition with the U.S. Unless you have a deep understanding of China's long history and its thousands of years old classical writings, it is extremely difficult to decipher what the Chinese are doing and saying in 2015. Michael does, and uses it to present a China not just in competition with the U.S. but intent on remaking the international system in its only likeness by 2049, (the 100th anniversary of the current Chinese government coming to power). Ambitious? Yes. Unattainable? Not necessarily. Too many Americans who should know better either don't understand China's goal or don't want to admit U.S. policies are making it easier for Beijing to succeed.

Great perspective on China's military and economic growth since the Cold War.. Pillsbury does an excellent job giving a perspective of China's philosophy and how they plan on surpassing us as the new world super power. This is a must read for any military member or business person who has dealings with china..

A must read for anyone who wants to understand the development and current status of China's relations with the United States and the rest of the world. An excellent review of the last 70 years of China's march to making itself the world's hegemon. Using the writings of the key thinkers and leaders of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) which have only been published in Chinese, Mr Pillsbury details the multiple decades of deception and political warfare by China in its Marathon strategy and how badly we have been misled.

I,d recommend this for any political science student or politicians at the international level. A well done historical read in itself also. READ THIS ONE.

We have a rival, not a partner in China, and we need everyone to be aware of the Chinese aim. Read it, and heed it!

Must read for any serious student of China. A similar book was written by Simon Leys in 1973, Chinese Shadows. Illusions vs. realities in China.

This is a must read for anyone wanting a firm grasp on U.S.-China relations and what we should expect and prepare for in the years to come. Make no mistake, we're competing globally and China is taking no prisoners. Mike Pillsbury is an authority on the subject and we should heed his call.

Good read, scary thought that we are asleep at the wheel.

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