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—Toshi Yoshihara, John A. van Beuren Chair of Asia-Pacific Studies, US Naval War College, and coauthor, *Red Star over the Pacific: China's Rise and the Challenge to US Maritime Strategy*

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