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## 内容概要

《21世纪是中国世纪吗?(英文版)》内容简介：I am very grateful to many people in the United States and China for helping make this book possible. Of course I should thank my students for their contributions of images and ideas for this book. I call them Dragon Riders because they have the mission to understand the Great Dragon , China , and the Dragon Tongue , Mandarin , and they fly up and down , east and west. China is like an ancient dragon with the heavy load of the past welcoming the challenges of the present. Through the Riders' photos , vivid and colorful , and their journals , mostly profound and occasionally naive , I remember the good times we spent together. I also thank the students who came to China with me on ten different programs but whose text and images are not included for technical reasons , not by choice or for lack of quality.

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版权页：插图： Americans like to think that our preeminence comes from our governmental and economic systems. Small government, we've told ourselves, built our wealth. Truth is however that the most primary reason for our wealth was World War II. We were the only industrial nation that was not completely destroyed during the war. After hostilities ended, the only factories capable of re-supplying the world were in America. And thus our middle class was born. From our middle class sprung forth our consumer society. Our military preeminence came about in much the same way. The Soviets scared a good portion of the world. Thus, countries which would have, in other historical circumstances, never allowed America to continue militarily unchallenged, allowed America to continue playing Leviathan on the world stage. When the Soviet Union collapsed, we were essentially the world's only genuine military power. China is incapable of doing what America did simply because the historical circumstances that allowed America's rise are unlikely to repeat themselves for another nation. It's not that China couldn't do this as a polity, rather that China is unlikely to have the opportunity to try. For now, another true global war seems unlikely. Nevertheless, China will continue its rise and America will continue its trend towards relative decline. This is not to say that China will overtake the United States any time soon. Instead, we are entering a multipolar world of sorts.

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