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China's Energy Strategy is a necessary read for anyone interested in the future of the People's Republic of China's energy development and its strategic implications for the U.S., with particular attention to maritime development in both countries. The book tackles the prospects for China's energy development in a remarkably comprehensive, nuanced fashion. It evaluates Chinese perspectives and prospects, analyzes the PRC's capabilities in each relevant global region, and dissects the PLA Navy's capabilities with respect to energy security issues. The authors, including those writing for the final section, which analyzes the implications for U.S. policy, carefully identify inevitable uncertainties and analytical disagreements. On balance, the book stresses the room for U.S.-China energy cooperation in the maritime domain. Importantly, it provides the rich array of data and analysis necessary for readers to develop their own deeply informed perspectives on this issue. -- **Dr. Kenneth Lieberthal**, Arthur F. Thurnau Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan and former Senior Director for Asia on the National Security Council

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From the Inside Flap

China's rapid growth has prompted Beijing to undertake an aggressive search for resources on a truly global scale. The resource most directly tied to continued growth in China is energy. Rising consumer appetites in China, coupled with occasional rolling blackouts due to spiraling demand in Chinese cities, have prompted intense anxieties in China concerning energy security. Since 80 percent of Chinese fossil fuel imports pass by ship through the Malacca Strait, an important component of Beijing's concerns have come to be known in China as the "Malacca Dilemma." This book draws on America's finest experts in the fields of economics, energy, China studies, and naval strategy in order to explore China's "Malacca Dilemma" and its implications for global maritime security.

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The book's authors are all authorities in their fields; many of the contributors are frequent advisers to major oil, shipping, and other multinational corporations, as well as governments. As a result, this volume takes into account an unprecedented range of influences and factors befitting such an important and complicated

topic.

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