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revolution in Romania. Americans rejoiced at the dramatic conclusion of the long struggle. "But victories in wars--hot or cold--tend to unfocus the mind," writes John Gaddis. "It can be a dangerous thing to have achieved one's objectives, because one then has to decide what to do next." In *The United States and the End of the Cold War*, Gaddis provides a sharp focus on the long history of the Cold War, shedding new light on its sudden ending, as well as
