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Representation," examines the various media, monuments, and social controls by which war has been memorialized. Although many of the conflicts described in *Beyond Suffering* barely registered against the sweeping backdrop of Chinese history, such conflicts bring us closer to understanding war, militarism, and suffering in modern China."--Pub. desc.

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