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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.
