

THE NEXT GREAT CLASH

CHINA AND RUSSIA VS. THE UNITED STATES

By Michael L. Levin

In *The Next Great Clash*, Michael Levin makes the case that China and the United States will go to war with each other within the next 5 to 25 years. As scary as this proposition sounds, Levin writes with a balance of tone and a force of factual scholarship that lead the reader to understand just how the United States, along with the machinations of Russia, finds itself in this perilous situation.

Though the premise may seem like the plot of a Tom Clancy novel, *The Next Great Clash* is no wild theory based on dubious research and spurious experts. Levin looks at the impending causes for a major global confrontation through economic, political, cultural, and historical lenses.

As Levin states, “This book is the result of years of academic research combined with almost a decade of my overseas experience in Asia; as a result, I am able to present the reader with history as seen through the eyes of China and Russia; this is not an America-centric book.”

Of special interest is how Russia, America’s Cold War enemy, has deftly positioned itself as the “swing player” in this real world game of Risk. Though the Soviet Union has fallen, Russia has much to gain by nurturing the East’s conflict with the West, while, at the same time, it fears an all-powerful China on its southeastern border. Levin carefully examines the fragile 400-year relationship between these awkward neighbors and the strategic partnership that has developed between them.

The author’s main hope is that *The Next Great Clash* will raise awareness before the clash becomes inevitable. By understanding the issues from all sides, it is hoped that China, Russia, and the United States will find a way to avoid World War III. However, time is running out.

ABOUT THE BOOK

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Please consider this book for a major review, feature article or author interview. Significant international events will take place in 2008 including elections in Taiwan, Russia, and the United States that make this book very relevant. Furthermore, the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing will put the world’s attention in the palm of China’s hand. As the Tiananmen Square protest reminds us all, that hand can easily become a fist.

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