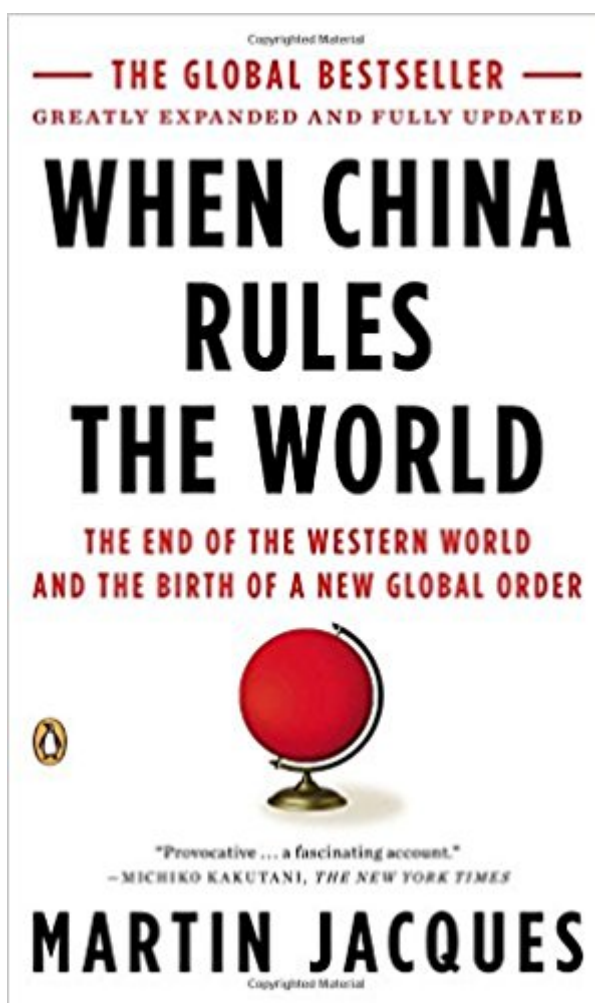


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# When China Rules The World: The End Of The Western World And The Birth Of A New Global Order: Second Edition



## Synopsis

Greatly revised and expanded, with a new afterword, this update to Martin Jacques's global bestseller is an essential guide to understanding a world increasingly shaped by Chinese power. Soon, China will rule the world. But in doing so, it will not become more Western. Since the first publication of *When China Rules the World*, the landscape of world power has shifted dramatically. In the three years since the first edition was published, *When China Rules the World* has proved to be a remarkably prescient book, transforming the nature of the debate on China. Now, in this greatly expanded and fully updated edition, boasting nearly 300 pages of new material, and backed up by the latest statistical data, Martin Jacques renews his assault on conventional thinking about China's ascendancy, showing how its impact will be as much political and cultural as economic, changing the world as we know it. First published in 2009 to widespread critical acclaim - and controversy - *When China Rules the World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global Order* has sold a quarter of a million copies, been translated into eleven languages, nominated for two major literary awards, and is the subject of an immensely popular TED talk.

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Starred Review. A convincing economic, political and cultural analysis of waning Western dominance and the rise of China and a new paradigm of modernity. Jacques (The Politics of Thatcherism) takes the pulse of the nation poised to become, by virtue of its scale and staggering rate of growth, the biggest market in the world. Jacques points to the decline of American hegemony and outlines specific elements of China's rising global power and how these are likely to influence

international relations in the future. He imagines a world where China's distinct brand of modernity, rooted firmly in its ancient culture and traditions, will have a profound influence on attitudes toward work, family and even politics that will become a counterbalance to and eventually reverse the one-way flow of Westernization. He suggests that while China's economic prosperity may not necessarily translate into democracy, China's increased self-confidence is allowing it to project its political and cultural identity ever more widely as time goes on. As comprehensive as it is compelling, this brilliant book is crucial reading for anyone interested in understanding where we are and where we are going. (Nov.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"Provocative...a fascinating account." — Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times* "A very forcefully written, lively book that is full of provocations and predictions." — Fareed Zakaria, *GPS, CNN* "The West hopes that wealth, globalization and political integration will turn China into a gentle giant. But Jacques says that this is a delusion. Time will not make China more Western; it will make the West, and the world, more Chinese." — *The Economist* "[An] exhaustive, incisive exploration of possibilities that many people have barely begun to contemplate about a future dominated by China. ... [Jacques] has written a work of considerable erudition, with provocative and often counterintuitive speculations about one of the most important questions facing the world today. And he could hardly have known, when he set out to write it, that events would so accelerate the trends he was analyzing." — *The New York Times Book Review* "The rise of China may well prove to be the defining economic and geopolitical change of our time, and few authors have given the subject deeper thought, nor offered a more illuminating analysis, than Martin Jacques." — Niall Ferguson, author of *The Ascent of Money* "[A] compelling and thought-provoking analysis of global trends.... Jacques is a superb explainer of history and economics, tracing broad trends with insight and skill." — *The Washington Post* "This important book, deeply considered, full of historical understanding and realism, is about more than China. It is about a twenty-first-century world no longer modelled on and shaped by North Atlantic power, ideas and assumptions. I suspect it will be highly influential." — Eric Hobsbawm, author of *The Age of Extremes* "This an extremely impressive book, full of bold but credible predictions. [this] book will long be remembered for its foresight and insight." — *The Guardian* (UK)

I am sure that China has all three dimensions -- China has the past, has the present and china has the future. Millions people, including Chinese themselves want to understand China and Chinese and I believe that many of them bought or will buy this influential Martin Jacques' book, because it offers views on China. Mr. Jacques began with the history, then continues with the present and finally he hinted the future. The book described important parts of Chinese history, such as connection with Japan, dealt with first connections between West and East, paid attention to Chinese ethics, including implicit one, and last but not least mentioned politics. I can underline that China is turbulent country, it means that some facts are becoming obsolete... so readers ought to accept this information (actually it is the 2nd edition, the 1st edition was published in 2009. But now--in March 2015--also this the 2nd "greatly expanded and fully updated" edition is now partially out of date). Of course, some information can be doubtful/questionable because of obsolescence, or point of view, or because of presumption (I should mention that M. Jacques--born in 1945--was editor of the Communist Party Great Britain's Journal "Marxism Today" from 1977 until its closure in 1991). Well, we never forget that it is only one view from several possible views. On the other hand I declare that this book could be very useful for sinologists, ethics, admirers of East and politics as well. Martin Jacques' "When China Rules the World" offers eloquent mosaic(s) of China.

an amazingly complex and weighty tome, I am struggling with the huge amount of research that has gone into the writing of this book. The reason I ranked the book with four stars instead of five is because of the seemingly bottomless amount of information which I struggle to absorb and understand. I find the best way for me to deal with the complexity of this book is to read "the hitch hikers guide to the Galaxy" at the same time, so that I can get my head undone.

I am still reading, but so far: The book contains a very good description and analysis of past developments and understanding of the world's "civilizations" in the various countries that could/will be important in the future. It strongly opened my eyes (and ears) to things that will be important and my thinking about what will happen. I am very much looking forward to read the rest of the book.

The author relentlessly marshals facts and figures (the book is replete with tables and charts and comparisons) to demonstrate the amazing growth of China relative to the West that will lead to Chinese hegemony in future. Well written, the book suffers only from repetition and wordiness.

My only objection is that the book is too verbose. He could have said the same with half the words.

But his points are very well taken. You sense the author's French *schadenfreude* as he watches the USA slide.

A massive undertaking that looks at the long history of China and the things that affect their thinking. The premise of the book is that just because China is trading with us doesn't mean they will become more like us. College level reading, excellent sources, and new ideas that re-evaluate the Western ideas of our future relationships with China. Thought provoking to say the least. If you like a deep thinking book, then this one is for you!

Critical info if you want a peek at the future.....'not a nation state...a civilization state'. Thinks of itself as the center of the universe...'the middle kingdom'....considers decisions in a three thousand year context.

This is one long book, but very informative. Lots of history of Southeast Asia and economics of the area. Very good study of the development of the China economy.

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