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Cat 5 is a soldier's warning and a historian's verdict—an unflinching account of policy failures despite battlefield victories in three wars. Repeatedly, our top leaders assumed that America was too powerful to be defeated. The result is that for the first time in our history, we face economic convulsion and a showdown with a mortal adversary—before a single shot is fired. Bing West draws on a lifetime at war and in policy positions to argue for radical change. The choice is stark: resolve or ruin.

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