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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

03/17/2014 When is America's time as leader of the free world up? This is the question on the minds of many Americans and non-Americans alike, and the answer according to Jones in his convincing new book is not as soon you think. Jones, director of the International Order and Strategy project at the Brookings Institution, argues that America is currently on top and, as possessor of the world's largest economy, owner of the denomination of the global reserve currency, in a position that is tough to topple. Jones analyzes the positions of emerging powers, focusing mainly on Brazil, India, China, and sometimes Russia, and identifies a mindset behind them which involves a constant balance between rivalry and restraint. He puts forth reasonable and realistic reasons why their takeover(s) is approaching but not imminent. Like it or not, Jones evenhandedly points out, the nations of the world whether current powers, emerging powers or declining powers are interconnected through trade, economy, geopolitics, fuel energy, threat of terrorism, climate control, and a myriad of other shared interests, so no one on the top or the bottom is positioned to rock the international waters. The result is an interesting, relevant, and accessible read. (Feb.)

### Review

"An indispensable antidote both to boosterish America-first-ism and to doomy Asia-first-ism. Jones demonstrates that the 'rise of the rest' need not be a zero-sum game for the U.S., because new powers like China depend on the international system that the U.S. leads. Jones shows us that optimism can be based, not on ideology or blind faith, but on a hard-headed understanding of global trends."?James Traub, columnist at *Foreign Policy* and author of *The Freedom Agenda*

"Bruce Jones's analysis is persuasive; better still, he provides a detailed manual for American coalitional diplomacy to address problems from climate change to maritime security. *Still Ours to Lead* accepts the reality of rising powers while reminding established powers, above all the United States, of just how much they stand to lose if they fail to lead."?Anne-Marie Slaughter, president and CEO, New America Foundation, and Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University

"This smart and important book provides a blueprint for American global leadership in the coming decades. With all the hype about American decline, following a period of what some have called American hubris, Bruce Jones offers a clear-eyed assessment of the true state of the international order and a realistic path ahead for the U.S. His analysis and his prescriptions offer wisdom for all sides in the debate."?Robert Kagan, historian and author of *The World America Made*

### About the Author

**Bruce Jones** is a senior fellow and director of the International Order and Strategy project at Brookings, and

a consulting professor at Stanford University. He has past experience in Middle East peace negotiations, crisis management in the Balkans, and intergovernmental negotiations on security and transnational threats. He is also chair of the New York University Center on International Cooperation.

His other books include *Shaping the Emerging World* (Brookings 2013), *Power & Responsibility* (Brookings 2009) and the forthcoming *Risk Pivot* (Brookings 2014).

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