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FIVE TIMELESS LESSONS FOR SUCCEEDING IN CHINA

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From the author of the acclaimed bestseller Mr China comes another rip-roaring adventure story – part memoir, part history, part business imbroglio – that offers valuable lessons to help Westerners understand China.

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