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The initial creation of the United States' ocean-going battlefleet – otherwise known as the “New Navy” – was a result of naval wars and arms races around the Pacific during the late nineteenth century. Using a transnational methodology, Thomas M. Jamison spotlights how US Civil War-era innovations catalyzed naval development in the Pacific World, creating a sense that the US Navy was falling behind regional competitors. As the industrializing “newly made navies” of Chile, Peru, Japan, and China raced against each other, Pacific dynamism motivated investments in the US “New Navy” as a matter of security and civilizational prestige. In this provocative exploration into the making of modern US navalism, Jamison provides an analysis of competitive naval build-ups in the Pacific, of the interactions between peoples, ideas, and practices, and ultimately the emergence of the US as a major power.

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