From the Opium Wars down to the revolution of 1949, American missionaries, diplomats, businessmen, and novelists who lived in China—"China Hands"—wrote a series of popular books which construed not just as a geographical space but as a virtual fable of modernity and proving ground of the American way of life. These men and women based their authority on personal experience—"forty years in a Chinatown," "dateline Shanghai"—and formed what Paul Cohen calls "amateur phase" of American writing about China; only after World War II was there a "true professional field." Cogent scholars such as Harold Isaacs and T. Christopher Jespersen argue that Fu Manchu, Charlie Chan, or the Dragon Lady often drowned out the voices of China Hands and that Americans viewed China with "images" in racism, fears of Chinese immigration, Orientalist fantasies, hist-.

ory, diplomatic strategizing, and wholesale ignorance. Americans had come, in Jonathan Spence's now obligatory phrase, "to conquer China" and Michael Adas has recently described "technological imperatives" and "America's civilizing mission," including the minds of people in China.1

In spite of all, these China Hands worked to find the words, phrases, and stories to grasp and explain China, though the public to comprehend their stories and policy-makers mostly ignored them, like their British cousins who established the Raj in India, Americans in China took up the "White Man's Burden" and like their cousins on the North American frontier used military violence to enforce their right to do so. But even careful scholars like Adas miss the pe

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