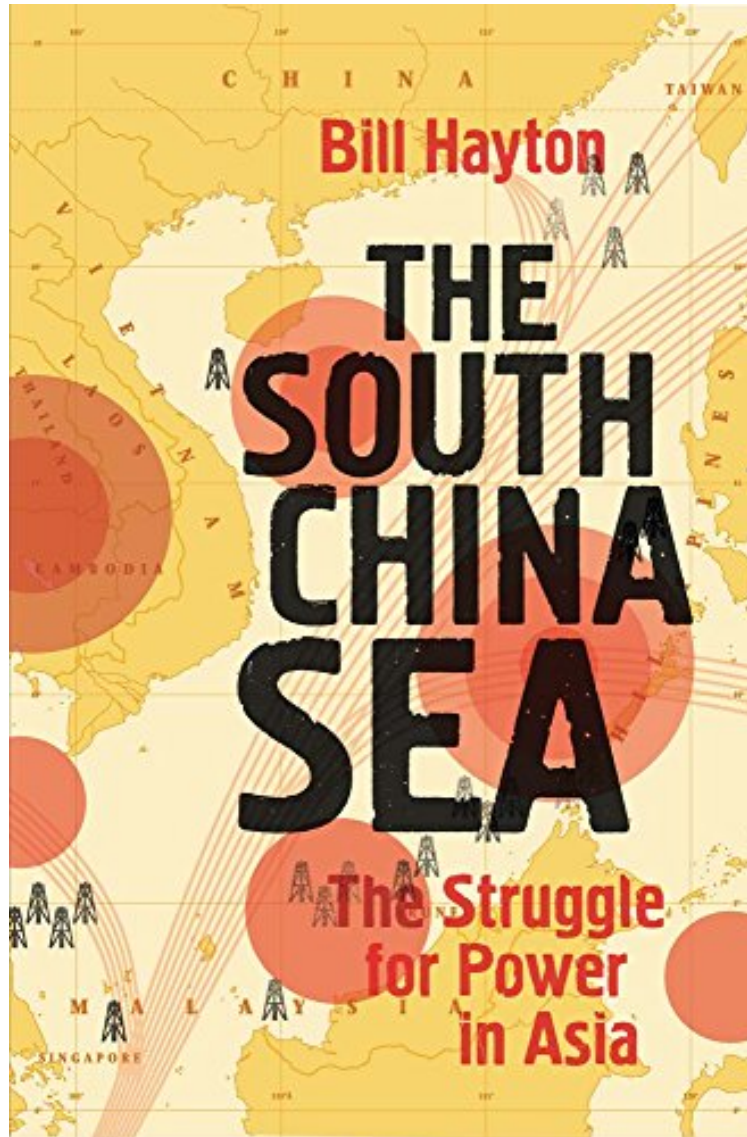


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more modern history that bleeds into legal analysis. It is highly critical of Chinese claims, though not unfairly so. He brings to attention what I think is a central problem of the current regime: far too many policies that should require careful diplomatic and political calculation are instead caught up in satisfying the needs a relatively modern and highly problematic vision of Chinese nationalism. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Well-researched, thoughtful, thorough By Greg Bill Hayton's newest book --- as did his previous one on Vietnamese politics --- brings his journalist's eye for telling details with a analyst's broader perspective. This book is a very helpful contribution to a deeper public understanding of what's going on in a dangerous part of the world. ---Greg Rushford (editor, The Rushford Report). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read with some repetition By Sam the sheepdog This was a very good enlightening read but there was some repetition from the overview at the front to the later chapters. Could probably have been slimmed down a bit.

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