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This book reveals more about steel and some of its management and union personalities than has ever been written. It provides an intimate look at cause and effect in the decline of one of America's great basic industries, and it shows the importance of steel's labor relations experience to the country as a whole.

About the Author

John Hoerr is a freelance writer and author with over thirty years of experience as a journalist for UPI, *The Daily Tribune*, and public television. His published work includes *And the Wolf Finally Came: The Decline of the American Steel Industry* and *We Can't Eat Prestige: The Women Who Organized Harvard*.

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