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John Toland is the author of many acclaimed books, including *Adolf Hitler*, *The Last One Hundred Days*, *No Man's Land*, *In Mortal Combat: Korea 1950-1953*, and *Infamy: Pearl Harbor and Its Aftermath*.

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