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Polmar, Norman. *Aircraft Carriers: A History of Carrier Aviation and Its Influence on World Events*, vol. 2, 1946–2006.

Dulles, Va.: Potomac Books, 2008. 560pp. \$49.95

Norman Polmar needs no introduction to readers of the *Review*, and neither, probably, does volume 1 of this work (published in 2006 and covering the years 1909 to 1945). The present book brings the carrier and carrier-aviation stories up

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