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**Atkinson, Rick. *The Day of Battle: The War in Sicily and Italy, 1943-1944*. New York: Holt, 2007. 791pp. (D763 .I8A85 2007)**

This is the second volume of Atkinson's trilogy about the liberation of Europe in World War II, which began with his Pulitzer Prize winning *An Army at Dawn*, published in 2002.

**Bacevich, Andrew J. *The New American Militarism: How Americans Are Seduced by War*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. 270pp. (UA23 .B11 2005)**

Professor of international relations, graduate of West Point, and Vietnam veteran – Bacevich warns of America's dual obsession with military power and imposing its ideology on the rest of the world.

**Barnett, Thomas P.M. *Blueprint for Action: A Future Worth Creating*. New York: Putnam, 2005. 440pp. (JZ1480 .B37 2005)**

In this sequel work, Barnett, author of the bestselling *The Pentagon's New Map*, outlines strategies for putting those ideas into action.

**Boot, Max. *War Made New: Technology, Warfare, and the Course of History, 1500 to Today*. New York: Gotham Books, 2006. 624pp. (D214 .B667 2006)**

"Boot argues that the past five centuries of history have been marked not by gradual change in how we fight but instead by four revolutions in military technology – and that the nations who have successfully mastered these revolutions have gained the power to redraw the map of the world."

**Bremer, L. Paul, with Malcolm McConnell. *My Year in Iraq: The Struggle to Build a Future of Hope*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. 417pp. (DS79.769 .B62 2006)**

This memoir of Bremer's fourteen months as America's proconsul in Iraq gives an insider's perspective on the period following the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime. Library also has sound recording.

**Bremmer, Ian. *The J Curve: A New Way to Understand Why Nations Rise and Fall*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. 306pp. (JC489 .B62 2006)**

"The J curve is a visual tool that allows us to see at a glance why some crucial countries are in crisis and unstable while others are prosperous and politically solid."

**Carroll, James. *House of War: The Pentagon and the Disastrous Rise of American Power*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2006. 657pp. (UA23 .C17 2006)**

Carroll chronicles the Pentagon, "the most powerful institution in America", and how it has changed the United States. Library also has sound recording.

**Carter, Jimmy. *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. 264pp. (DS119.7 .C16 2006)**

Former President Carter, bestselling author and Nobel Peace Prize winner, shares his knowledge of the conflict's history and suggests a blueprint for peace.

**Chomsky, Noam. *Failed States: The Abuse of Power and the Assault on Democracy*. New York: Metropolitan Books/Holt, 2006. 311pp. (E902 .C36 2006)**

In this sequel to his bestselling *Hegemony or Survival*, Chomsky criticizes the United States for claiming to reshape other nations while its own democratic institutions are in crisis and "its policies and practices recklessly place the world on the brink of nuclear and environmental disaster".

**Cordesman, Anthony H., with Patrick Baetjer. *Iraqi Security Forces: A Strategy for Success*. Westport: Praeger Security International, 2006. 410pp. (DS79.769 .C67 2006)**

Cordesman, who holds the Burke Chair in Strategy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, analyzes the war in Iraq and presents a plan for nation-building and stability. Includes a helpful chronology of events.

**Crozier, Brian. *Political Victory: The Elusive Prize of Military Wars*. New Brunswick: Transaction, 2005. 225pp. (U21.2 .C66 2005)**

Crozier looks at modern wars involving democracies to evaluate victory and defeat by the success or failure of political outcomes. He covers the two world wars, Vietnam, the Suez crisis, the Falkland Islands, the Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, the 1991 Gulf War, and the Western intervention in the former Yugoslavia.

**Diamond, Jared. *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. New York: Viking, 2005. 575pp. (HN13 .D53 2005)**

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Diamond, describes the environmental and social problems that led to the collapse of previous civilizations, but remains cautiously optimistic about our future.

**Dobbins, James, et al. *The Beginner's Guide to Nation-Building*. Santa Monica: RAND National Security Research Division, 2007. 284pp. (JZ6300 .D51 2007)**

"James Dobbins, one of the leading practitioners of the art, offers a set of clear, simple prescriptions for helping to build a stable peace in the wake of conflict and disorder." – Kofi A. Annan, United Nations Secretary-General. This title is also available online at [http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2007/RAND\\_MG557.pdf](http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2007/RAND_MG557.pdf).

**Echevarria, Antulio J., II. *Imagining Future War: The West's Technological Revolution and Visions of Wars to Come, 1880-1914*. Westport: Praeger Security International, 2007. 117pp. (U21 .E28 2007)**

Winner of the 2007 Colonel John J. Madigan, III U.S. Army War College Staff and Faculty Published Writing Competition. This title is also available online for USAWC students, staff, and faculty via [Praeger Security International](#).

**Friedman, Thomas L. *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*, updated and expanded ed. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. 600pp. (JZ1318 .F63 2006)**

New York Times columnist Friedman uses "flat" in the sense of a global "level playing field" where technology and other significant trends and events are reshaping lives, business, and politics. This updated and expanded edition includes more than a hundred pages of fresh reporting and commentary. Library also has sound recording.

**Fukuyama, Francis, ed. *Nation-Building: Beyond Afghanistan and Iraq*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006. 262pp. (JZ6300 .N17 2006)**

Contributors from Hoover Institution, RAND, Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, Ford Foundation, and other institutions assess United States nation-building efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

**Gaddis, John Lewis. *The Cold War: A New History*. New York: Penguin Press, 2005. 333pp. (D843 .G12 2005)**

A comprehensive history of United States-Soviet relations from World War II to the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, this book synthesizes and updates over thirty years of Gaddis' best thinking and writing about the Cold War.

**Gaffney, Frank J., et al. *War Footing: Ten Steps America Must Take to Prevail in the War for the Free World*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2006. 301pp. (UA23 .W161 2006)**

Gaffney, other analysts, academics, and commentators look at the crisis of global terror and offer ideas about how we should fight back.

**Galula, David, with a foreword by John A. Nagl. *Counterinsurgency Warfare: Theory and Practice*. Westport: Praeger Security International, 2006. 106pp. (U240 .G32 2006)**

First published in 1964, this new printing is as relevant as it was 40 years ago – providing a template for the defeat of today's insurgents and terrorists. This title is also available online for USAWC students, staff, and faculty via [Praeger Security International](#).

**Gerges, Fawaz A. *Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy*. Orlando: Harcourt, 2006. 312pp. (BP190.5 .T47G26 2006)**

Drawing on primary Arabic sources and interviews with jihadists, Middle Eastern scholar and media commentator Gerges takes us into the mindset of these "holy warriors" to explain the world as they see it.

**Gerstein, Daniel M., with a foreword by Wesley K. Clark. *Securing America's Future: National Strategy in the Information Age*. Westport: Praeger Security International, 2005. 264pp. (UA23 .G553 2005)**

Gerstein, a Gulf War veteran and military fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, writes that the United States is "largely unprepared to reap the benefits of the information age and unable to address an increasing threat level because its methods, procedures, and ways of thinking remain anchored in the vanishing industrial era". This title is also available online for USAWC students, staff, and faculty via [Praeger Security International](#).

**Gladwell, Malcolm. *Blink: The Power of Thinking without Thinking*. New York: Little, Brown, 2005. 277pp. (BF448 .G53 2005)**

Bestselling author of *The Tipping Point*, Gladwell studied how people in a variety of fields make instantaneous decisions. He concludes that by learning to "thin-slice" – quickly filtering out unnecessary information and concentrating on just a couple of cues – we can become better decision-makers. Library also has sound recording.

**Goffee, Rob, and Gareth Jones. *Why Should Anyone Be Led by You? What It Takes to Be an Authentic Leader*. Boston: Harvard Business School Press, 2006. 244pp. (HD57.7 .G663 2006)**

Goffee and Jones show how authentic leaders, those who display their true selves, nurture relationships with followers by: "highlighting their strengths while revealing human weaknesses, maintaining their individuality while conforming enough to hold the organization together, and establishing intimacy with followers while keeping enough distance to command respect".

**Gordon, Michael R., and Bernard E. Trainor. *Cobra II: The Inside Story of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq*. New York: Pantheon Books, 2006. 603pp. (DS79.76 .G57 2006)**

Written by Michael Gordon, New York Times chief military correspondent, and Lieutenant General Bernard Trainor, USMC (Ret.), this book is an authoritative, detailed account of how Operation Iraqi Freedom was planned and fought. Library also has sound recording.

**Gray, Colin S. *Another Bloody Century: Future Warfare*. London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 2005. 431pp. (U21.2 .G61 2005)**

In *Another Bloody Century*, Gray explains "war is ever changing yet always remains the same, regardless of time, technology, belligerents, or motives for combat, however much of its methods may vary over time and between conflicts".

**Gray, Colin S. *War, Peace and International Relations: An Introduction to Strategic History*. New York: Routledge, 2007. 306pp. (U21.2 .G619 2007)**

Well-known strategist, Colin Gray, covers all the major wars of the past two centuries, including chapters on irregular warfare and terrorism.

**Herspring, Dale R. *The Pentagon and the Presidency: Civil-Military Relations from FDR to George W. Bush*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2005. 490pp. (JF195 .H26 2005)**

Herspring looks at the relationship between military and presidential leadership from 1940 to 2005, and how it changed.

**Johnson, David E. *Learning Large Lessons: The Evolving Roles of Ground Power and Air Power in the Post-Cold War Era*, new updated ed. Santa Monica: RAND, 2007. 235pp. (UA23 .J521 2007)**

Johnson analyzes United States ground and air power in post-Cold War conflicts in Iraq (1991), Bosnia (1995), Kosovo (1999), Afghanistan (2001), and Iraq (2003). This title is also available online at [http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2007/RAND\\_MG405-1.pdf](http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2007/RAND_MG405-1.pdf).

**Kagan, Frederick W. *Finding the Target: The Transformation of American Military Policy*. New York: Encounter Books, 2006. 443pp. (UA23 .K13 2006)**

Resident Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, Frederick W. Kagan makes the case that "over-reliance on high-tech solutions ignores the basic purpose of war: the use of force to achieve political objectives".

**Kagan, Robert. *Dangerous Nation*. New York: Knopf, 2006. 527pp. (E183.7 .K13 2006)**

Kagan examines America's foreign policy from its earliest days to the dawn of the twentieth century.

**Kaplan, Robert D. *Imperial Grunts: The American Military on the Ground*. New York: Random House, 2005. 421pp. (U52 .K37 2005)**

Kaplan takes us "onto the front lines with the new warrior-diplomats who use weapons, imagination, and personal passion to protect and advance the interests of the United States".

**Kohut, Andrew, and Bruce Stokes, with a foreword by Madeleine K. Albright. *America against the World: How We Are Different and Why We Are Disliked*. New York: Times Books, 2006. 259pp. (E169.12 .K53 2006)**

Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center, and NPR commentator Stokes present results of global opinion surveys involving more than 91,000 respondents in fifty nations.

**Lewis, Richard D. *When Cultures Collide: Leading across Cultures*, 3d ed. Boston: Nicholas Brealey International, 2006. 599pp. (HD62.4 .L28 2006)**

Cross-cultural expert and international businessman, Lewis covers more than sixty countries and every major region in the world in this updated and expanded third edition, which gives leaders and managers strategies to deal with differences and work across diverse cultures.

**Martel, William C. *Victory in War: Foundations of Modern Military Policy*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. 436pp. (UA11 .M16 2007)**

"This book explores historical definitions of victory, how victory has evolved, and how it has been implemented in war." Case studies include the U.S. military interventions in Panama, Libya, the Persian Gulf, Bosnia and Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

**Matthews, Lloyd J., ed., with forewords by Jim Marshall and Frederick M. Franks; Don M. Snider, Project Director. *The Future of the Army Profession*, 2d ed., rev. and expanded. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2005. 762pp. (UB147 .F87 2005)**

Essays are categorized: The Study of Military Professionals, Officership and the Army Profession, The Expert Knowledge of the Army Profession, The Army's Military Technical Expertise, The Army Profession and the Army Ethos, The Premier Expertise: Human/Leader Development, and The Army Profession and Its Political-Cultural Expertise.

**McCullough, David. *1776*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005. 386pp. (E208 .M33 2005)**

*1776* is the story of George Washington and the colonists' struggle to gain independence from Great Britain. He presents a look at one of the most important years of American history. Library also has sound recording.

**Murray, Williamson, and Richard Hart Sinnreich, eds. *The Past as Prologue: The Importance of History to the Military Profession*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006. 287pp. (U27 .P28 2006)**

"Exploring the usefulness of the study of history for contemporary military strategists, this volume illustrates the great importance of military history while simultaneously revealing the challenges of applying the past to the present."

**Nagl, John A., with a new preface by the author; foreword by Peter J. Schoomaker. *Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife: Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2005. 249pp. (DS597 .N342 2005)**

Originally published by Praeger in 2002 under the title *Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam*, Nagl's analysis of these two similar counterinsurgencies contrasts the British Army's success at adapting in Malaya to what United States forces accomplished in Vietnam.

**O'Hanlon, Michael E., with a foreword by Strobe Talbott. *Defense Strategy for the Post-Saddam Era*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2005. 148pp. (UA23 .O342 2005)**

Brookings defense analyst O'Hanlon provides a concise overview of current defense challenges and makes recommendations for the military's future.

**Packer, George. *The Assassins' Gate: America in Iraq*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2005. 467pp. (DS79.76 .P13 2005)**

"Packer's first-person narrative combines the scope of an epic history with the depth and intimacy of a novel, creating a masterful account of America's most controversial foreign venture since Vietnam."

**Posner, Richard A. *Preventing Surprise Attacks: Intelligence Reform in the Wake of 9/11*. Stanford: Hoover Institution, 2005. 214pp. (JK468 .I6P57 2005)**

Posner, who thinks the 9/11 Commission's report was lacking, offers an analysis focusing on "organizational and practical problems with the reorganization of the intelligence community and how the centralization reduces flexibility and adaptability of intelligence decisions".

**Puryear, Edgar F., Jr. *American Admiralship: The Moral Imperatives of Naval Command*. Annapolis: Naval Institute Press, 2005. 647pp. (VB203 .P87 2005)**

"The author presents a collection of insights and thoughts of senior naval leaders on why they personally believe they were successful leaders, their analyses of the success of other senior naval officers, and the role that character plays in that success."

**Raddatz, Martha. *The Long Road Home: A Story of War and Family*. New York: Putnam, 2007. 310pp. (DS79.76 .R11 2007)**

"What distinguishes *The Long Road Home* from other war books is that Raddatz seamlessly shifts from the troops in the crossfire to the anxious souls who stand watch over the loneliest post in any conflict: the spouses, parents and children on the home front."

**Record, Jeffrey. *Beating Goliath: Why Insurgencies Win*. Washington, D.C.: Potomac Books, 2007. 180pp. (D431 .R43 2007)**

"Beating Goliath examines the phenomenon of victories by the weak over the strong – more specifically, insurgencies that succeeded against great powers. Jeffrey Record reviews eleven insurgent wars from 1775 to the present and determines why the seemingly weaker side won."

**Ricks, Thomas E. *Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq*. New York: Penguin Press, 2006. 482pp. (DS79.76 .R31 2006)**

Drawing on extensive cooperation from his network of military contacts and thousands of pages of official documents, Washington Post's senior Pentagon correspondent Ricks gives his account of the American planning for and conduct of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Library also has sound recording.

**Senge, Peter M. *The Fifth Discipline: The Art and Practice of the Learning Organization*, rev. and updated. New York: Doubleday/Currency, 2006. 445pp. (HD58.9 .S46 2006)**

This revised edition of Senge's bestselling classic, *The Fifth Discipline*, is based on fifteen years of experience in putting the book's ideas into practice.

**Shultz, Richard H., Jr., and Andrea J. Dew. *Insurgents, Terrorists, and Militias: The Warriors of Contemporary Combat*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2006. 316pp. (U240 .S37 2006)**

Shultz and Dew "describe the reasons nongovernment combatants wage war, and the nontraditional approaches those combatants use". To defeat them, the authors argue, governments must learn about the cultures and traditions of these groups, instead of depending on firepower alone.

**Smith, Rupert. *The Utility of Force: The Art of War in the Modern World*. New York: Knopf, 2007. 430pp. (U21.2 .S53 2007)**

Retired British General Rupert Smith "draws on his vast experience as a commander in the 1991 Gulf War, in Bosnia, Kosovo and Northern Ireland, to give us a probing analysis of modern war and to call for radically new military thinking".

**Suskind, Ron. *The One Percent Doctrine: Deep inside America's Pursuit of Its Enemies since 9/11*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. 367pp. (HV6432 .S77 2006)**

In this "troubling portrait" of the war on terror, bestselling author Suskind gives a detailed account of United States counterterrorism efforts. Library also has sound recording.

**Taylor, Robert L., and William E. Rosenbach, eds., with a foreword by Perry Smith. *Military Leadership: In Pursuit of Excellence*, 5th ed. Cambridge: Westview Press, 2005. 184pp. (UB210 .M553 2005)**

This fifth edition synthesizes the previous editions and includes some new material as well. Chapters cover the process of leadership, the personal interactions between leaders and their subordinates, and leadership values.

**U.S. Department of the Army, with a foreword by David H. Petraeus and James F. Amos. *Counterinsurgency*. Field Manual 3-24. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Army, 15 December 2006. 1 vol. (Mil Pubs FM 3-24)**

Conrad Crane, Director, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, lead author. This title is also available online at <http://usacac.army.mil/cac/repository/materials/coin-fm3-24.pdf>. Later published as *The U.S. Army-Marine Corps Counterinsurgency Field Manual*, University of Chicago Press, 2007. (U241 .U79 2007)

**Weiss, Thomas G., with a foreword by Brian Urquhart. *Military-Civilian Interactions: Humanitarian Crises and the Responsibility to Protect*, 2d ed. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005. 275pp. (KZ6369 .W231 2005)**

Focusing primarily on the role of the United States, Weiss analyzes humanitarian intervention and how it is evolving.

**Woodward, Bob. *State of Denial*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2006. 560pp. (E903.3 .W662 2006)**

In Woodward's third book on the Bush administration, no one "fares especially well". Library also has sound recording.