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**SUGGESTED MILITARY READING LIST**

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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. Library also has sound recording.

**Axinn, Sidney. *A Moral Military*, rev. and expanded ed. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2009. 240pp. (U22 .A956 2009)**

Axinn has updated and expanded the original 1990 version of his classic on morality in military activity. Includes a new chapter on torture.

**Bacevich, Andrew J. *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism*. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2008. 206pp. (JK271 .B11 2008)**

*The Limits of Power* identifies a triple crisis facing America: the economy, the government, and the nation's involvement in endless wars. Library also has sound recording.

**Chun, Clayton K.S. *Japan 1945: From Operation Downfall to Hiroshima and Nagasaki*. New York: Osprey, 2008. 96pp. (D767.2 .C38 2008)**

Chun examines the final stages of World War II as the Allies debated how to bring about the surrender of Japan. He details Operation Downfall, the planned invasion of the Japanese home islands. Chun explains why these plans were never implemented, before examining the horrific alternative to military invasion – the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki with nuclear weapons.

**Cloud, David, and Greg Jaffe. *The Fourth Star: Four Generals and the Epic Struggle for the Future of the United States Army*. New York: Crown, 2009. 330pp. (DS79.76 .C57 2009)**

*The Fourth Star* describes the rise of four officers – Generals George Casey, John Abizaid, Peter Chiarelli, and David Petraeus – four of the most influential men in modern military history.

**Diamond, Larry J. *The Spirit of Democracy: The Struggle to Build Free Societies throughout the World*. New York: Times Books/Holt, 2008. 448pp. (JC423 .D432 2008)**

Social scientist Diamond examines how and why democracy progresses around the world. Chapters are grouped in three parts: A World Partially Transformed; The Prospects for Global Democracy; and The Path to Democratic Renewal.

**Dobbins, James, et al. *After the War: Nation-Building from FDR to George W. Bush*. Santa Monica: RAND, National Security Research Division, 2008. 152pp. (JZ6300 .D52 2008)**

Examines how the United States has gained considerable experience in nation-building operations through its participation in at least eight significant operations since World War II – in Germany, Japan, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq. This title is also available online at [http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2008/RAND\\_MG716.pdf](http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/2008/RAND_MG716.pdf).

**Donnelly, Thomas, and Frederick W. Kagan. *Ground Truth: The Future of U.S. Land Power*. Washington, DC: AEI Press, 2008. 164pp. (UA23 .D55 2008)**

Donnelly and Kagan pose five questions for policymakers: What is the strategic role of American ground forces? What missions will these forces undertake in the future? What is the nature of land warfare in the twenty-first century? What qualities are necessary to succeed on the battlefields of the Long War? What is the ideal size and configuration of the force – and how much will it cost?

**Echevarria, Antulio J., II. *Clausewitz and Contemporary War*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007. 210pp. (U102 .C65E13 2007)**

Winner of the 2008 Colonel John J. Madigan, III U.S. Army War College Staff and Faculty Published Writing Competition.

**Faust, Drew Gilpin. *This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War*. New York: Knopf, 2008. 346pp. (E468.9 .F17 2008)**

Explores the effect the Civil War's enormous death toll had on transforming American society and the way it looked at and handled death.

**Filkins, Dexter. *The Forever War*. New York: Knopf, 2008. 368pp. (DS79.76 .F34 2008)**

Filkins, a prizewinning New York Times correspondent, chronicles a chain of events that begins with the rise of the Taliban in the 1990s, continues with the attacks of 9/11, and moves on to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Library also has sound recording.

**Finkel, David. *The Good Soldiers*. New York: Crichton Books, 2009. 287pp. (DS79.764 .U6F56 2009)**

Washington Post correspondent Finkel chronicles the 15-month deployment of the 2-16 Infantry Battalion in Baghdad during 2007 and 2008.

**Finkelstein, Sydney, Donald C. Hambrick, and Albert A. Cannella, Jr. *Strategic Leadership: Theory and Research on Executives, Top Management Teams, and Boards*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. 463pp. (HD57.7 .F565 2009)**

"This book integrates and assesses vast and rapidly growing literature on strategic leadership, which is the study of top executives and their effects on organizations. The basic premise is that, in order to understand why organizations do the things they do, or perform the way they do, we need to comprehend deeply the people at the top – their experiences, abilities, values, social connections, aspirations, and other human features." – Publisher's description

**Friedman, Thomas L. *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution – And How It Can Renew America*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2008. 438pp. (GE197 .F63 2008)**

Friedman looks at the crises of destabilizing climate change and rising competition for energy. Library also has sound recording.

**Gladwell, Malcolm. *Outliers: The Story of Success*. New York: Little, Brown, 2008. 309pp. (BF637 .S8G41 2008)**

Gladwell takes the reader on an intellectual journey through the world of "outliers" – the best and the brightest, the most famous, and the most successful – by looking at their culture, family, generation, and the idiosyncratic experiences of their upbringing. Library also has sound recording.

**Gladwell, Malcolm. *What the Dog Saw and Other Adventures*. New York: Little, Brown, 2009. 410pp. (PS659.2 .G53 2009)**

In *What the Dog Saw*, Gladwell brings together, for the first time, the best of his writing from *The New Yorker* over the past decade.

**Goffee, Robert, and Gareth Jones. *Clever: Leading Your Smartest, Most Creative People*. Boston: Harvard Business Press, 2009. 182pp. (HD53 .G64 2009)**

Authors identify nine common characteristics of clever people: 1. Their cleverness is central to their identity. 2. Their skills are not easily replicated. 3. They know their worth. 4. They ask difficult questions. 5. They are organizationally savvy. 6. They are not impressed by corporate hierarchy. 7. They expect instant access. 8. They want to be connected to other clever people. 9. They won't thank you.

**Goldstein, Gordon M. *Lessons in Disaster: McGeorge Bundy and the Path to War in Vietnam*. New York: Times Books/Holt, 2008. 300pp. (E183.8 .V5G54 2008)**

"Today, President Obama is also reflecting on history's lessons, asking his advisors to study the past as they help him chart America's future course in Afghanistan. Among the 'required reading' for the Obama team, it has been reported, is my book, 'Lessons in Disaster', which examines how one of the architects of the Vietnam War, McGeorge Bundy, came to renounce America's entanglement in that tragic conflict and struggled to draw insight from it 'to help us do better in the world ahead'." – Gordon M. Goldstein, *Los Angeles Times*, 12 November 2009.

**Gole, Henry G., with a foreword by William A. Stofft. *General William E. DePuy: Preparing the Army for Modern War*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2008. 364pp. (U53 .D46G54 2008)**

Gole mined secondary and primary sources, including DePuy's personal papers and extensive archival material, and he interviewed peers, subordinates, family members, and close observers to describe and analyze DePuy's unique contributions to the Army and nation.

**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.

**Halberstam, David. *The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War*. New York: Hyperion, 2007. 719pp. (DS919 .H35 2007)**

Pulitzer-winning historian Halberstam first decided to write this book more than thirty years ago and it took him nearly ten years. With remarkable detail, he provides a full narrative of the political decisions and miscalculations on both sides. At the heart of the book are the stories of the soldiers on the front lines. Library also has sound recording.

**Haass, Richard. *War of Necessity: War of Choice: A Memoir of Two Iraq Wars*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2009. 336pp. (DS79.724 .U6H33 2009)**

This memoir, written by the President of the Council on Foreign Relations, is a comparison of the two Iraq wars and whether or not they were necessary in nature or choice.

**Ikenberry G. John, et al. *The Crisis of American Foreign Policy: Wilsonianism in the Twenty-First Century*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009. 157pp. (JZ1469 .C75 2009)**

This collection of essays by leading US foreign policy scholars G. John Ikenberry, Thomas J. Knock, Anne-Marie Slaughter, and Tony Smith examines changes in national security policy that the Bush administration pursued after 9/11.

**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, Robert. *The Return of History and the End of Dreams*. New York: Knopf, 2008. 115pp. (D860 .K13 2008)**

"For the past few years, the liberal world has been internally divided and distracted by issues both profound and petty. Now, in *The Return of History and the End of Dreams*, Robert Kagan

masterfully poses the most important questions facing the liberal democratic countries, challenging them to choose whether they want to shape history or let others shape it for them." – Publisher description.

**Kan, Paul Rexton, with a foreword by Moisés Naím. *Drugs and Contemporary Warfare*. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2009. 193pp. (HV5840 .D44K15 2009)**

Interdisciplinary in its approach, *Drugs and Contemporary Warfare* investigates the convergence of drugs and modern warfare, the violent actors involved in the drug trade, the drugs they produce and distribute, and how these drugs enter into battlefield conflicts.

**Kilcullen, David. *The Accidental Guerrilla: Fighting Small Wars in the Midst of a Big One*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009. 346pp. (U240 .K55 2009)**

Since 9/11, Kilcullen has served in every active theater: as special advisor to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, senior counterinsurgency advisor to General David Petraeus in Iraq, and chief counterterrorism strategist for the Department of State.

**Kramer, Franklin D., Stuart H. Starr, and Larry K. Wentz, eds. *Cyberpower and National Security*. Washington, DC: National Defense University Press and Potomac Books, 2009. 642pp. (UA23 .C91 2009)**

Cyberspace and cyberpower are now critical elements of international security. This book creates a framework for understanding and using cyberpower in support of national security.

**Krepinevich, Andrew F. *7 Deadly Scenarios: A Military Futurist Explores War in the 21st Century*. New York: Bantam Dell, 2009. 334pp. (U21.2 .K74 2009)**

Throughout history, great powers have fallen because they failed to anticipate new threats to their security. Strategy expert Krepinevich forecasts the most horrifying and yet very possible dangers facing America.

**Lehrer, Jonah. *How We Decide*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009. 302pp. (BF448 .L23 2009)**

In this book about the new science of decision-making, Lehrer explores two questions: How does the human mind make decisions? and How can those decisions be made better?

**Linn, Brian McAllister. *The Echo of Battle: The Army's Way of War*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007. 312pp. (UA25 .L34 2007)**

Linn addresses how the U.S. Army has regarded its main business, which is preparing for regular warfare. In doing so, he makes the important point that key debates over missions and doctrines are apt to take place in peacetime, when there is a chance not only to reflect on past wars but also to ponder the next.

**Mansoor, Peter R, with a foreword by Donald Kagan and Frederick Kagan. *Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008. 365pp. (DS79.76 .M15 2008)**

The author, a brigade commander in Baghdad in 2003-2004, presents a record of what happened after U.S. forces seized Baghdad in the Spring of 2003.

**Marston, Daniel, and Carter Malkasian, eds. *Counterinsurgency in Modern Warfare*. New York: Osprey, 2008. 304pp. (U241 .C57 2008)**

Each contributor, an expert in his field, discusses in depth the conduct and outcomes of operations across the globe, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, Afghanistan and Iraq, and draws out the lessons to be learned from them.

**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.

**Meacham, Jon. *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House*. New York: Random House, 2008. 483pp. (E382 .M43 2008)**

Bestselling author Meacham has been recognized as one of the nation's top biographers with the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Biography.

**Metz, Steven, with a foreword by Colin S. Gray. *Iraq & the Evolution of American Strategy*. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2008. 262pp. (E183.8 .I57M27 2008)**

Examines the ways in which the Gulf War, the WMD standoff, the Iraq War, and the ongoing occupation have driven broader changes in U.S. national security policy and military strategy. Winner of the 2009 Colonel John J. Madigan, III U.S. Army War College Staff and Faculty Published Writing Competition.

**Mintzberg, Henry. *Managing*. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler, 2009. 306pp. (HD31 .M456 2009)**

Mintzberg offers a new view of theory and practice of effective management. He writes, "we should be seeing managers as leaders, and leadership as management practiced well." Mintzberg aims to restore management to its proper place.

**Murphy, Bill, Jr. *In a Time of War: The Proud and Perilous Journey of West Point's Class of 2002*. New York: Holt, 2008. 365pp. (U410 .M1M86 2008)**

Murphy follows members of West Point's class of 2002, the first in a generation to graduate during wartime, from graduation to fighting on the front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nielsen, Suzanne C., and Don M. Snider, eds. *American Civil-Military Relations: The Soldier and the State in a New Era*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. 409pp. (UA23 .A45 2009)

The contributing authors, experts in political science, history, and sociology, provide essays on: problems and tension in civil-military relations, professionalism and professional military education, military and political activities in democracies, and building trust in national security.

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

Thomas E. Ricks, author of *Fiasco*, writes, "*The Long Road Home* shows how American troops sweat, bleed, and fight in the Iraq War."

Record, Jeffrey. *Beating Goliath: Why Insurgencies Win*. Washington, DC: 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. *The Gamble: General David Petraeus and the American Military Adventure in Iraq, 2006-2008*. New York: Penguin Press, 2009. 394pp.

Ricks, who covered the military for the Washington Post from 2000 to 2008, takes up the story where he left off in *Fiasco*. The story of General David Petraeus and the American military, *The Gamble* reveals that many high-level officials were opposed to the 2003 invasion. Library also has sound recording.

Roberts, Andrew. *Masters and Commanders: How Four Titans Won the War in the West, 1941-1945*. New York: Harper, 2009. 673pp. (D736 .R63 2009)

This joint biography explores the degree to which the course of the Second World War turned on the relationships and temperaments of four of the strongest personalities of the twentieth century: political masters Winston Churchill and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the commanders of their armed forces, General Sir Alan Brooke and General George C. Marshall.

Robinson, Linda. *Tell Me How This Ends: General David Petraeus and the Search for a Way Out of Iraq*. New York: PublicAffairs, 2008. 411pp. (DS79.76 .R51 2008)

Robinson provides an intimate, on-the-ground account of the Iraq War, and of General David Petraeus's effort to reverse its course. Having traveled to Iraq frequently since the war began – with extensive access to General Petraeus, his officers, and troops along the war's front lines, Robinson brings insight to the story of this conflict.

Singer, Peter Warren. *Wired for War: The Robotics Revolution and Conflict in the Twenty-first Century*. New York: Penguin Press, 2009. 499pp. (UG450 .S35 2009)

Singer reveals how science fiction is fast becoming reality on the battlefield, changing not just how wars are fought, but also the politics, economics, laws, and ethics that surround war itself.

**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.

**Snow, Donald M., and Dennis M. Drew. *From Lexington to Baghdad and Beyond: War and Politics in the American Experience*, 3rd ed. Armonk, NY: Sharpe, 2010. 335pp. (UA23 .S66 2010)**

This book, by a political scientist and a career military officer and historian, has been updated and revised with new chapters on the Afghan and Iraq wars. For each conflict, the authors review underlying issues and events; political objectives; military objectives and strategy; political considerations; military technology and technique; military conduct and the ultimate disposition of the original political goals.

**Van Creveld, Martin. *The Culture of War*. New York: Ballantine Books, 2008. 485pp. (U21.5 .V36 2008)**

"From a respected military historian comes this probing inquiry of military culture. Marshaling evidence for its constancy, ranging from remote human history to the televised present, van Creveld asserts that group and societal reinforcements motivate soldiers to master fear and risk death. Van Creveld covers aspects such as training, military decoration, and commemoration of the dead, all of which are thought to motivate men to fight." – *Booklist*, August 2008.

**Wageman, Ruth, et al. *Senior Leadership Teams: What It Takes to Make Them Great*. Boston: Harvard Business School Press, 2008. 241pp. (HD66.7 .S46 2008)**

The authors, academics and consultants, use their expertise and research capabilities to write about the importance of a top-level leadership team.

**Woodward, Bob. *The War Within: A Secret White House History, 2006-2008*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2008. 487pp. (E902 .W553 2008)**

Woodward's fourth book about the Bush presidency at war declassifies the secrets of America's political and military involvement in Iraq. Woodward once again pulls back the curtain on Washington to reveal the inner workings of a government at war. Library also has sound recording.

**Zinni, Anthony C., and Tony Koltz. *Leading the Charge: Leadership Lessons from the Battlefield to the Boardroom*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. 243pp. (HD57.7 .Z56 2009)**

Retired Marine General Zinni, together again with co-author Koltz, provides a blueprint for leadership.