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**SUGGESTED MILITARY READING LIST**

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**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.

**Bacevich, Andrew J. *Washington Rules: America's Path to Permanent War*. New York: Metropolitan Books, 2010. 286pp. (UA23 .B334 2010)**

Bacevich examines the Washington consensus on national security and why long held assumptions must change.

**Barfield, Thomas J. *Afghanistan: A Cultural and Political History*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010. 389pp. (DS357.5 .B37 2010)**

Leading anthropologist Thomas Barfield traces the historic struggles of the region; weaving the complex threads of culture, politics, economics and geography.

**Beevor, Antony. *D-Day: The Battle for Normandy*. New York: Viking, 2009. 591pp. (D756.5 .N6B44 2009)**

Historian Antony Beevor provides a campaign history with a focus on the operational level of the Normandy invasion, from June 6, 1944, right up to the liberation of Paris on August 25, 1944.

**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, eds. *Lessons for a Long War: How America Can Win on New Battlefields*. Washington, DC: AEI Press, 2010. 169pp. (UA23 .L47 2010)**

Donnelly and Kagan lead a group of U.S. military officials and national security experts in analyzing the American experience in Iraq and Afghanistan thus far and mapping a way forward – not only for the military, but also for diplomats, elected officials, and the American public. Though written in 2007 and 2008, these essays remain relevant to the current administration.

**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*, updated and expanded ed. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2009. 516pp. (GE197 .F633 2009)**

Friedman looks at the crises of destabilizing climate change and rising competition for energy. This updated and expanded 2.0 edition includes new pages of fresh commentary.

**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. *National Security Dilemmas: Challenges & Opportunities*, with a foreword by Paul K. Van Riper. Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2009. 334pp. (UA23 .G778 2009)**

Well-known strategist, Colin Gray, addresses a broad range of issues that face American policy-makers and strategists today. Six of this book's eight chapters were originally published between 2002 and 2007 by the U.S. Army War College's Strategic Studies Institute; they have been updated for this text.

**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.

**Heifetz, Ronald, Alexander Grashow, and Marty Linksy. *The Practice of Adaptive Leadership: Tools and Tactics for Changing Your Organization and the World*. Boston: Harvard Business Press, 2009. 326pp. (HD57.7 .H45 2009)**

This book goes beyond theory – providing tools, tactics and practical real-life lessons of experience designed to help individuals develop the skills needed to provide leadership for change in a variety of settings.

**Hill, Charles. *Grand Strategies: Literature, Statecraft, and World Order*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2010. 368pp. (PN56 .D55H55 2010)**

Through lucid and compelling discussions of classic literary works from Homer to Rushdie, *Grand Strategies* represents a merger of literature and international relations, inspired by the conviction that "a grand strategist . . . needs to be immersed in classic texts from Sun Tzu to Thucydides to George Kennan, to gain real-world experience through internships in the realms of statecraft, and to bring this learning and experience to bear on contemporary issues." – Publisher description.

**Hoffman, David E. *The Dead Hand: The Untold Story of the Cold War Arms Race and Its Dangerous Legacy*. New York: Doubleday, 2009. 577pp. (U264 .H64 2009)**

*The Dead Hand* examines the doomsday competition between two superpowers, revealing how presidents, scientists, diplomats, soldiers, and spies confronted the danger and changed the course of history. 2010 Pulitzer Prize Winner for General Nonfiction.

**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.

**Jones, Seth G. *In the Graveyard of Empires: America's War in Afghanistan*. New York: Norton, 2009. 414pp. (DS371.412 .J66 2009)**

Seth Jones, RAND political scientist, breaks down the complex history of Afghanistan and details the regions' current challenges that face the United States.

**Junger, Sebastian. *War*. New York: Twelve, 2010. 287pp. (DS371.4123 .K67J86 2010)**

"Junger, author of *The Perfect Storm*, turns his eye to the reality of combat in this on-the-ground account that follows a single platoon through a 15-month tour of duty in the most dangerous outpost in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley." – Publisher description. Library also has sound recording.

**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.

**Kilcullen, David. *Counterinsurgency*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010. 251pp. (U241 .K55 2010)**

*Counterinsurgency* brings together Kilcullen's most prominent writings on this vitally important topic. This book includes a previously unpublished essay entitled "Measuring Progress in Afghanistan," written for McChrystal during his recent field work in Afghanistan.

**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.

**Kupchan, Charles A. *How Enemies Become Friends: The Sources of Stable Peace*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2010. 442pp. (JZ5538 .K87 2010)**

*How Enemies Become Friends* provides an innovative account of how nations escape geopolitical competition and replace hostility with friendship. Through compelling analysis and historical examples, Kupchan explores how adversaries can transform enmity into amity.

**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?

**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.

**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.

**Morris, Ian. *Why the West Rules – For Now: The Patterns of History, and What They Reveal about the Future*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010. 750pp. (CB251 .M67 2010)**

"Why has the West dominated the globe for the past two hundred years, and will its power last? Describing the patterns of human history, the archaeologist and historian Ian Morris offers surprising new answers to both questions." – Publisher description.

**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.

**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.

**Rose, Gideon. *How Wars End: Why We Always Fight the Last Battle*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2010. 413pp. (E181 .R67 2010)**

Rose, editor of *Foreign Affairs*, re-creates the choices that presidents and their advisers have confronted during the final stages of each major conflict from World War I through Iraq.

**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.

**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.

**Thomas, Evan. *The War Lovers: Roosevelt, Lodge, Hearst, and the Rush to Empire, 1898*. New York: Little, Brown, 2010. 471pp. (E721 .T46 2010)**

*Newsweek* editor Evan Thomas leads readers through the Spanish-American War of 1898, revealing insights into the minds of the major leaders of the time: advocates of the war; Assistant Secretary of the Navy Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst – and two opponents; Speaker of the House Thomas Reed, and philosopher William James.

**Thompson, Nicholas. *The Hawk and the Dove: Paul Nitze, George Kennan, and the History of the Cold War*. New York: Holt, 2009. 403pp. (E744 .T46 2009)**

Thompson, journalist and grandson of Paul Nitze, crafts a revealing profile of two of the most prominent Americans during the Cold War era. This dual biography narrates the history of Paul Nitze – the hawk, and George Kennan – the dove, and their influence on national policy.

**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.

**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.

**Woodward, Bob. *Obama's Wars*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2010. 441pp. (E908.3 .W66 2010)**

Woodward's latest book tells the inside story of President Obama's critical decisions regarding the Afghanistan War, the secret campaign in Pakistan, and the worldwide fight against terrorism.

**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.