



U.S. ARMY WAR COLLEGE LIBRARY 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. *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.

Bergen, Peter L. *The Longest War: The Enduring Conflict between America and al-Qaeda*. New York: Free Press, 2011. 473pp. (HV6432 .B47 2011)

CNN national security analyst Peter Bergen offers a comprehensive history of the war with al-Qaeda; from the strategies devised in the wake of the 9/11 attacks, to the fighting in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and beyond. *The Longest War* provides the perspectives of both the United States and al-Qaeda and its allies.

Chernow, Ron. *Washington: A Life*. New York: Penguin Press, 2010. 904pp. (E312 .C54 2010)

In *Washington: A Life*, noted biographer Ron Chernow provides a detailed portrait of an iconic leader and the father of our nation, while exploring the history of America's founding. 2011 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Biography. Library also has sound recording.

Chun, Clayton K. S. *The Last Boarding Party: The USMC and the SS Mayaguez 1975*. New York: Osprey, 2011. 80pp. (E865 .C48 2011)

"Two weeks after the close of the Vietnam War, communist Cambodian Khmer Rouge elements seized the SS *Mayaguez* and took the crew hostage. U.S. Marines boarded the ship, only to find the crew had already been removed. An assault was then launched on the nearby island of Koh Tang, where the crew was believed to have been taken. This book recounts the bloody struggle on Koh Tang, as a hostage rescue mission turned into a desperate evacuation." – Publisher description

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. Library also has sound recording.

Collins, James C., and Morten T. Hansen. *Great by Choice: Uncertainty, Chaos, and Luck – Why Some Thrive Despite Them All*. New York: HarperCollins, 2011. 304pp. (HF5386 .C652 2011)

"Ten years after the worldwide bestseller *Good to Great*, Jim Collins returns with another groundbreaking work, this time to ask: Why do some companies thrive in uncertainty, even chaos, and others do not? Based on nine years of research, buttressed by rigorous analysis and infused with engaging stories, Collins and his colleague, Morten Hansen, enumerate the principles for building a truly great enterprise in unpredictable, tumultuous, and fast-moving times." – Publisher description

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.

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.

Friedman, Thomas L., and Michael Mandelbaum. *That Used to Be Us: How America Fell Behind in the World It Invented and How We Can Come Back*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. 380pp. (JK275 .F75 2011)

Friedman and Mandelbaum analyze the four challenges that face the United States: globalization, revolution in information technology, the nation's chronic deficits, and the pattern of excessive energy consumption. *That Used to Be Us* concludes with suggestions for how to sustain the American dream and preserve American power.

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.

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.

Heath, Chip, and Dan Heath. *Switch: How to Change Things When Change Is Hard*. New York: Broadway Books, 2010. 305pp. (BF637 .C4H43 2010)

Drawing upon a multitude of behavioral studies, business case studies, and hypothetical examples to illustrate their principles, Chip and Dan Heath weave together decades of research to shed new light on how to effect transformative change.

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 region's 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.

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 Gen. Stanley 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?

Manwaring, Max G., with a foreword by Edwin G. Corr and afterword by John T. Fishel. *Gangs, Pseudo-Militaries, and Other Modern Mercenaries: New Dynamics in Uncomfortable Wars*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2010. 238pp. (HV6439 .L29M36 2010)

National security expert Max Manwaring presents a detailed study of gangs and pseudo-militaries and the roles these groups play in "uncomfortable wars", or wars fought by non-state entities. Winner of the 2011 Colonel John J. Madigan, III U.S. Army War College Staff and Faculty Published Writing Competition.

Marlantes, Karl. *What It Is Like to Go to War*. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 2011. 256pp. (DS559.5 .M375 2011)

Marlantes, author of the award winning novel *Matterhorn*, takes a deeply personal and candid look at the experience and ordeal of combat, drawing on his own time in Vietnam. He critically examines how we might better prepare young soldiers for the psychological and spiritual stresses of war, and what it means to truly return home.

Matheny, Michael R. *Carrying the War to the Enemy: American Operational Art to 1945*. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 2011. 334pp. (U153 .M38 2011)

Carrying the War to the Enemy draws on archival materials from military educational institutions, planning documents, and operational records of World War II campaigns to provide a clearer understanding of the development of American operational art.

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

Moten, Matthew, ed., with a foreword by Martin E. Dempsey. *Between War and Peace: How America Ends Its Wars*. New York: Free Press, 2011. 371pp. (E181 .B48 2011)

America's leading historians examine the path of America's wars, from the Revolution to the first Gulf War: their initial aims (often very different from their conclusions), their principal strategies, their final campaigns, and the future ramifications of the wars' ends for the nation.

Neiberg, Michael S. *Dance of the Furies: Europe and the Outbreak of World War I*. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2011. 292pp. (D511 .N45 2011)

Neiberg's *Dance of the Furies* contributes to the understanding of the World War I's origins and nature. Drawing on letters, diaries, and memoirs of citizens across Europe, Neiberg shows that the peoples of Europe did not expect, or desire, war in 1914.

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.

Nye, Joseph S., Jr. *The Future of Power*. New York: PublicAffairs, 2011. 300pp. (JC330 .N94 2011)

Nye, a leading international relations scholar, adds to his previous work on power (*Soft Power*, 2004) by examining the role of the state in the context of shifting power in the 21st century.

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.

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 con-

siderations; military technology and technique; military conduct and the ultimate disposition of the original political goals.

Terrill, W. Andrew, with a foreword by Anthony H. Cordesman. *Global Security Watch: Jordan*. Santa Barbara: Praeger Security International, 2010. 187pp. (DS154.13 .T47 2010)

Middle East specialist Andrew Terrill examines Jordan's role in Middle Eastern politics and regional security, and provides an overview of the country's history, economy, military system, and relations with other Arab states. Library also has online in Praeger Security International.

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.

West, Francis J. *The Wrong War: Grit, Strategy, and the Way Out of Afghanistan*. New York: Random House, 2011. 307pp. (DS371.412 .W47 2011)

"From one of America's most renowned war correspondents comes the definitive account of the Afghanistan war, a damning policy assessment, and a compelling and controversial way forward." – Publisher description

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. 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.