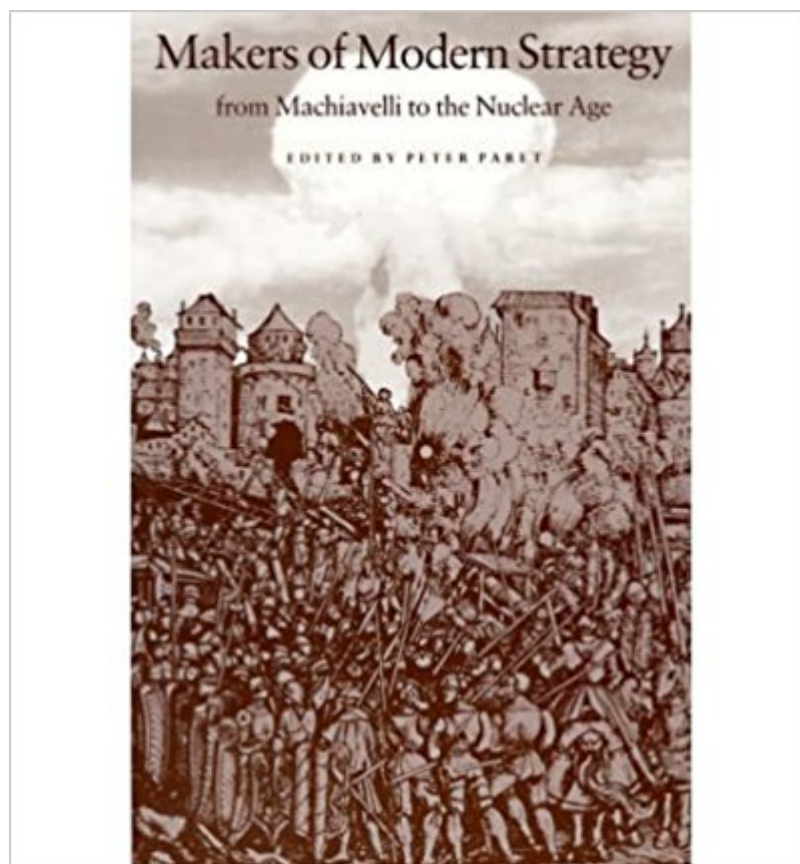




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In my experience, anthologies are always a sort of doing toss with essays being either very good or very bad, due to the fact that it's a collection of different authors with different ideas and different styles. It's rare to find one where all the essays are great and interesting reads, but this book is one of those. A collection of essays on military history, strategy, and strategies starting with Machiavelli in the 16th century all the way to the end of the Cold War. Every major military leader and thinker in Western history during this time period is there and topics are varied enough so that it is not always Army tactics that are covered. It also includes essays on the Navy and Air power that are fascinating. It even includes a chapter on modern revolutionary wars, or insurgencies as we would call them today, that is not to be missed. And, I have to say, there wasn't one essay that I felt was superfluous or boring, an achievement for an anthology of this size. The only thing that I would say is that, since this was most recently updated in 1986, it does need to add a few new chapters on robotics and cyberwarfare. In spite of its age and length, this was a great read and I highly recommend it to anyone interested in the development of modern, Western military strategy over the centuries.

This is an outstanding comparative analysis of Clausewitz, Sun Tzu and Mao, and is a great

companion volume while reading any of these theorists, but especially Clausewitz. Handel clearly illustrates his analysis by using quotes from the works of the major theorists. The most rewarding parts of the book to me were the sections on the importance of politics to the military commander, moral forces in war as found in Clausewitz, and chapter 9: "The Supreme Act of Judgement: Understanding the Nature of War and the Trinitarian Analysis." This is an essential companion and well worth one's time to read in order to achieve a deeper understanding of Clausewitz beyond a few pithy quotes misapplied.

If you want a comprehensive, concise review of the major thinkers of military strategy, this is THE book to purchase. Each chapter provides a quick bio of the thinker, along with an explanation of the strategy. Chapters flow in chronological order, so you can understand how strategy, tactics and technology developed. Actually an enjoyable book to read, and has become a "ready reference" for me to keep handy.

I purchased this book as it was required for USMC Command and Staff Course, but it is a good resource for anyone who wants a selection of articles and pieces from a wide range of time periods who has an interest in military strategy. The book is divided into eras and within each era there are a number of articles. As a result, it is fairly easy to find what you want without a huge hassle. It doesn't go into extreme detail on any one topic or era, but is a great resource for a general overview and enough of an understanding that you feel pretty good about the topic.

Great background history for Strategy. The term "Machiavellian" is thrown around a lot by people who don't have a clue who Machiavelli was and what he did for his employers. And that's just one topic. There's a lot of context included in this book.

Updated version of the classic. I appreciate the point of view the writers have on the classic works, in modern examples.

Excellent quality. Seller quick to ship.

Excellent item.

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