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warfare is one of the most dangerous threat faced by modern humanity it is also one of the key influences that has shaped the politics economics and culture of the modern world this book explores the assumptions we make about modern warfare and considers what we can learn from the historical reality offering a comprehensive overview of military conflict over several centuries this book consists of fascinating thematic chapters covering air and sea warfare combat experience technology and even opposition to war this book explores the issue of civilian devastation in modern warfare focusing on the complex processes that effectively establish civilians identity in times of war underpinning the physicality of war s tumult are structural forces that create landscapes of civilian vulnerability such forces operate in four sectors of modern warfare nationalistic ideology state sponsored militaries global media and international institutions each sector promotes its own constructions of civilian identity in relation to militant combatants constructions that prove lethal to the civilian noncombatant who lacks political power and decision making capacity with regards to their own survival civilians and modern war provides a critical overview of the plight of civilians in war examining the political and normative underpinnings of the decisions actions policies and practices of major sectors of war the contributors seek to undermine the tunnelling effect of the militaristic framework regarding the experiences of noncombatants this book will be of much interest to students of war and conflict studies ethics conflict resolution and ir security studies this book investigates the use and utility of military force in modern war after the cold war western armed forces have increasingly been called upon to intervene in internal conflicts in the former third world these forces have been called upon to carry out missions that they traditionally have not been trained and equipped for in environments that they often have not been prepared for a number of these new types of operations in allegedly new wars stand out such as peace enforcement state building counter insurgency humanitarian aid and not the least counter terrorism the success rate of these missions has however been mixed providing fuel for an increasingly loud debate on the utility of force in modern war this edited volume poses as its central question what is in fact the utility of force is force useful for anything other than a complete conventional defeat of a regular opponent who is confronted in the open field this book will be of much interest to students of strategic studies war and conflict studies counter insurgency security studies and ir isabelle duyvesteyn is an associate professor at the department of history of international relations utrecht university in the netherlands jan angstrom is a researcher at the swedish national defence college throughout history armies of occupation and civil power have been faced with the challenges of insurgency british and american involvement in iraq and afghanistan has highlighted this form of conflict in the modern world armies have had to adopt new doctrines and tactics to deal with the problems of insurgency and diverse counterinsurgency strategies have been developed here fourteen authors examine the development of counterinsurgency from the early 20th century to the present including information on the arab israeli conflict afghanistan and iraq this book is a timely and accessible survey of a critical facet of modern warfare this new paperback edition features a revised introduction updated chapters on iraq and afghanistan and a completely new chapter on columbia by expert thomas marks a brilliant survey of the history of warfare the best yet produced anywhere b h liddell hart outstanding and penetrating outline of the processes of war and the means of fighting from 1415 onward skillfully and carefully written includes one of the most comprehensive bibliographies of the history of war e b long chicago tribune a substantial and scholarly history of modern warfare from the age of the great captains through the innovations of the industrial revolution to

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the defeated one as a result neither victory nor defeat deter further outbreaks of war this sobering reality is increasingly the case in the twentieth and twenty first centuries ian bickerton persuasively argues that as the rhetoric of victory becomes more hollow all countries must adopt creative new approaches to resolving disputes in war in the modern world 1990 2014 jeremy black looks at the most modern of conflicts from the perspective that war is a central feature of the modern world arguing that understanding non western developments is crucial if the potential of western war making is to be assessed accurately the book also asserts that knowing the history of conflict can only help future generations black argues for the need to emphasise the variety of military circumstances as well as the extent to which the understanding of force and the definitions of victory and defeat are guided by cultural assumptions war has a multi faceted impact in the modern world and this book shows its significance as the latest volume in the warfare and history series this title takes a global and historical perspective on modern warfare enabling the reader to approach familiar conflicts through a new analytical framework this book is an invaluable resource for all students of the history of modern warfare since the end of the cold war scholars military historians and analysts have struggled to agree a workable definition of contemporary warfare with reference to the conflicts that have erupted since 1989 whether in the former yugoslavia iraq or afghanistan to name only a few among the many attempts to hit the right conceptual note are asymmetrical war fourth generation war and perhaps the most influential of all new wars in addition to these attempts to define war the west s military establishments with the pentagon in the vanguard have worked hard to map out new strategic and tactical concepts in order to try to win these wars two of the more influential from recent years are network centric warfare ncw and effects based operations ebo the contributors to conceptualising modern war contend that very few of these terms and concepts are particularly useful when it comes to defining war or to creating a winning strategy on that basis it is easy to ridicule every one of these terms and concepts but the aim of the contributors to this book who include hew strachan david kilcullen steven metz helen dexter and ian beckett is instead to search for meaning where meaning can be found can these terms and concepts tell us something about the development of war and how wars can be won technology of one kind or another has always been a central ingredient in war the spartan king archidamus for instance reacted with alarm when first witnessing a weapon that could shoot darts through the air and yet during the past two centuries technology has played an unprecedented role in military affairs and thinking and in the overall conduct of war in addition the impact of new technology on warfare has brought major social and cultural changes this volume explores the relationship between war technology and modern society over the course of the last several centuries the two world wars total conflicts in which industrial technology took a terrible human toll brought great changes to the practice of organized violence among nations even so many aspect of military life and values remained largely unaffected in the latter half of the twentieth century technology in the form of nuclear deterrence appears to have prevented the global conflagration of world war while complicating and fueling ferocious regional contests a stimulating fusion of military and social history extending back to the eighteenth century and with contributions from such leading historians as brian bond paddy griffith and neil mcmillen war in the age of technology will interest lay readers and specialists alike beginning with an exploration into the question of what war is war and warfare since 1945 provides a chronological analysis of military history since the end of world war ii extending through to an analysis of the limits of modern warfare in the nuclear age with the purpose of examining why war occurs and how it is carried out among the types of conflict considered within the book are state conflicts civil wars proxy wars terrorism and counterterrorism insurgency genocide both theoretical and historical war and warfare since 1945 also explores the definitions ethics morals and effects of the use of militaries in and after war and puts forward important questions about how wars are resolved the wars discussed include the first arab israeli war the chinese civil war the korean war the cold war the vietnam war and the iraq war the book concludes with an investigation into modern war and speculation on the changing face

of warfare examines the practice and development of medicine within the armed forces from the late 19th century through the end of wwii spanning the laboratory and the battlefield material provides insight into different national styles and priorities examines the relationship between medical personnel and the armed forces as a whole looking at areas such as disease prevention treatment of psychiatric casualties and development of medical science cooter is professor of social history and director of the wellcome unit for the history of medicine at the university of east anglia annotation copyrighted by book news inc portland or how has war shaped modern society and vice versa how has it changed between the introduction of firearms and the invention of the atom bomb how is war waged today the oxford history of modern war examines the techniques technology and theory of war from the military revolution of the seventeenth century to the present day with fascinating thematic chapters covering air and sea warfare combat experience women and war and even opposition to war the expert contributors explore major developments and themes including the growth of modern military professionalism and mass armies the extraordinary achievements of napoleon s armies the role of nationalism in battlegrounds as various as the american civil war and the former yugoslavia colonial wars the concept and reality of total war and guerrilla warfare this new and updated edition with new chapters on people s war and technology and war brings the story into the twenty first century addressing the dilemmas faced by military strategists in confronting international terrorism and in the wake of the invasion of iraq a major study of the theory and practice of warfare in the twentieth and twenty first centuries using relevant examples from recent history this book provides a complete introduction to the issues ideas concepts context and vocabulary of modern warfare the expert team of authors explore the conduct of war across land sea air and space in addition to addressing key issues relating to contemporary strategy weapons of mass destruction and irregular warfare including insurgency terrorism and civil war they provide an incisive and structured grounding in military theory and argue for the importance of understanding warfare within the joint inter service context and as an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary phenomenon by providing the tools required to truly understand contemporary military doctrine this accessible survey will be an invaluable resource for any student of military history or international relations as well as for military professionals a thought provoking examination of the intersections of knowledge and violence and the quandaries and costs of modern technoscientific warfare science and violence converge in modern warfare while the finest minds of the twentieth century have improved human life they have also produced human injury they engineered radar developed electronic computers and helped mass produce penicillin all in the context of military mobilization scientists also developed chemical weapons atomic bombs and psychological warfare strategies rational fog explores the quandary of scientific and technological productivity in an era of perpetual war science is at its foundation an international endeavor oriented toward advancing human welfare at the same time it has been nationalistic and militaristic in times of crisis and conflict as our weapons have become more powerful scientists have struggled to reconcile these tensions engaging in heated debates over the problems inherent in exploiting science for military purposes m susan lindee examines this interplay between science and state violence and takes stock of researchers efforts to respond many scientists who wanted to distance their work from killing have found it difficult and have succumbed to the exigencies of war indeed lindee notes that scientists who otherwise oppose violence have sometimes been swept up in the spirit of militarism when war breaks out from the first uses of the gun to the mass production of ddt and the twenty first century battlefield of the mind the science of war has achieved remarkable things at great human cost rational fog reminds us that for scientists and for us all moral costs sometimes mount alongside technological and scientific advances during the spanish civil war foreign military officers wrote highly elaborate reports of their experiences at the front one was attaché col stephen o fuqua of the u s army who had once held the rank of major general his presence was highly unusual for most military observers were less experienced captains majors and lieutenant colonels fuqua s reports contained important

observations about spanish armament and troop movements and he managed to acquire nationalist propaganda and information despite being situated entirely within republican military lines his reporting was considered so valuable that during world war ii fuqua was tapped to be time s military commentator editor james w cortada brings fuqua s and others insightful observations to light the result is a volume of such immediacy that the reader feels transported to a time of great historical uncertainty amid the twentieth century s great dress rehearsal for fascism and the conflagration of world war ii a remarkable book small in size but with great clarity and insight into moral and ethical principles that need to be understood and reaffirmed henry kissinger every society and every period of history has had to face the reality of war war inevitably yields situations in which the normal ethical rules of society have to be overridden the just war tradition has evolved over the centuries as a careful endeavour to impose moral discipline and humanity on resort to war and in its waging and the tradition deserves our attention now as much as ever tracing the origin and nature of the tradition from its roots in christian thinking and providing a clear summary of its principles and drawing examples from kosovo afghanistan and the wars in iraq charles guthrie and michael quinlan look at the key concepts in relation to modern armed conflict this short but powerful book sets out the case for a workable and credible moral framework for modern war before while and after it is waged this research collection provides a comprehensive study of important strategic cultural ethical and philosophical aspects of modern warfare it offers a refreshing analysis of key issues in modern warfare not only in terms of the conduct of war and the wider complexities and ramifications of modern conflict but also concepts of war the crucial shifts in the structure of warfare and the morality and legality of the use of force in a post 9 11 age this textbook provides a coherent introduction to post cold war and post 9 11 military theory for students seeking an initial understanding of strategic studies the 2nd edition is fully revised and updated with a new chapter on peace operations

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extensively illustrated with 52 detailed campaign and battle maps and diagrams this book originally published in 1990 surveys the evolution of warfare in europe from napoleon to the end of the twentieth century and in asia from the middle ages it considers the interaction of technology and warfare with wide ranging examples the book includes two in depth case studies one on the soviet operational manoeuvre group and its predecessors in the russian imperial army the other on the history of land warfare including guerilla warfare in asia in this book the author demonstrates that military history can be of immense practical help to the modern military analyst and professional now updated with a new introduction to take into account changes since 1990 this book remains of essential value to students teachers professionals in political social history international relations defence war peace studies

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Armed Conflict 2009-03-25

John Keegan widely considered the greatest military historian of our time and the author of acclaimed volumes on ancient and modern warfare including most recently *The First World War* a national bestseller distills what he knows about the why's and how's of armed conflict into a series of brilliantly concise essays. *Is War a Natural Condition of Humankind?* What are the origins of war? Is the modern state dependent on warfare? How does war affect the individual combatant or noncombatant? Can there be an end to war? Keegan addresses these questions with a breathtaking knowledge of history and the many other disciplines that have attempted to explain the phenomenon. The themes Keegan concentrates on in this short volume are essential to our understanding of why war remains the single greatest affliction of humanity in the twenty-first century, surpassing famine and disease, its traditional companions.

Learning the Lessons of Modern War 2020-06-16

A complete illustrated history of modern warfare discusses the techniques, technology, and theory of warfare from the seventeenth century to today's high-tech weaponry and illuminates such historical eras as Napoleon's empire and the U.S. Civil War.

The Evolution of Modern Land Warfare 2015-10-05

This book provides an accessible and up-to-date account of the rich military history of the nineteenth century. It takes a fresh approach, making novel links with conflict and coercion and moving away from teleological emphases. Naval developments and warfare are included, as are social and cultural dimensions of military activity. Leading military historian Jeremy Black offers the reader a twenty-first-century approach to this period, particularly through his focus on the dynamic drive provided by different forms of military goals or tasks. This allows echoes with modern warfare to come to the fore and provides a fuller understanding of a period sometimes considered solely as background to the total war of 1914-45. Alongside state-to-state warfare and the move toward total war, Black's emphasis on different military goals gives due weight to trans-oceanic conflict at the expense of non-Europeans, irregular, internal, and asymmetric war. All are considered, ranging from local insurgencies to imperial expeditions, and provide a deliberate shift from western centrality. At the very cutting edge of its field, this book is a must-read for all students and scholars of military history and its related disciplines.

Modern Weapons and Modern War, Being an Abridgment Of 2022-10-27

The year 2000 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the publication of *The Great War and Modern Memory*, winner of the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and recently named by the Modern Library one of the twentieth century's 100 best non-fiction books. Fussell's landmark study of WWI remains as original and gripping today as ever before. A literate, literary, and illuminating account of the Great War, the one that changed a generation, ushered in the modern era, and revolutionized how we see the world. Exploring the work of Siegfried Sassoon, Robert Graves, Edmund Blunden, David Jones, Isaac Rosenberg, and Wilfred Owen, Fussell supplies contexts, both actual and literary, for those writers who most effectively memorialized WWI as an historical experience with conspicuous imaginative and artistic meaning. For this special edition, the author has prepared a new afterword and a suggested further reading list, as this classic work draws upon several disciplines.

among them literary studies military history cultural criticism and historical inquiry it will continue to appeal to students scholars and general readers of various backgrounds

War and Our World 2011-02-02

roger chickering offers the most comprehensive history ever written of a german city at war

The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern War 1997

the illusion of victory demonstrates that most of the rewards of victory in modern warfare are either exaggerated or false when the ostensible benefits of victory are examined a generation after a war it becomes inescapably evident that the defeated belligerent rarely conforms to the demands and expectations of the victor consequently long term political and military stability is denied to both the victorious power and to the defeated one as a result neither victory nor defeat deter further outbreaks of war this sobering reality is increasingly the case in the twentieth and twenty first centuries ian bickerton persuasively argues that as the rhetoric of victory becomes more hollow all countries must adopt creative new approaches to resolving disputes

The First World War and the Birth of the Modern Style of Warfare 1996

in war in the modern world 1990 2014 jeremy black looks at the most modern of conflicts from the perspective that war is a central feature of the modern world arguing that understanding non western developments is crucial if the potential of western war making is to be assessed accurately the book also asserts that knowing the history of conflict can only help future generations black argues for the need to emphasise the variety of military circumstances as well as the extent to which the understanding of force and the definitions of victory and defeat are guided by cultural assumptions war has a multi faceted impact in the modern world and this book shows its significance as the latest volume in the warfare and history series this title takes a global and historical perspective on modern warfare enabling the reader to approach familiar conflicts through a new analytical framework this book is an invaluable resource for all students of the history of modern warfare

War in the Nineteenth Century 2013-04-26

since the end of the cold war scholars military historians and analysts have struggled to agree a workable definition of contemporary warfare with reference to the conflicts that have erupted since 1989 whether in the former yugoslavia iraq or afghanistan to name only a few among the many attempts to hit the right conceptual note are asymmetrical war fourth generation war and perhaps the most influential of all new wars in addition to these attempts to define war the west s military establishments with the pentagon in the vanguard have worked hard to map out new strategic and tactical concepts in order to try to win these wars two of the more influential from recent years are network centric warfare ncw and effects based operations ebo the contributors to conceptualising modern war contend that very few of these terms and concepts are particularly useful when it comes to defining war or to creating a winning strategy on that basis it is easy to ridicule every one of these terms and concepts but the aim of the contributors to this book who include hew strachan david kilcullen steven metz helen dexter and ian beckett is instead to search for meaning where meaning can be found can these terms and concepts tell

us something about the development of war and how wars can be won

The Dictionary of Modern War 1991

technology of one kind or another has always been a central ingredient in war the spartan king archidamus for instance reacted with alarm when first witnessing a weapon that could shoot darts through the air and yet during the past two centuries technology has played an unprecedented role in military affairs and thinking and in the overall conduct of war in addition the impact of new technology on warfare has brought major social and cultural changes this volume explores the relationship between war technology and modern society over the course of the last several centuries the two world wars total conflicts in which industrial technology took a terrible human toll brought great changes to the practice of organized violence among nations even so many aspect of military life and values remained largely unaffected in the latter half of the twentieth century technology in the form of nuclear deterrence appears to have prevented the global conflagration of world war while complicating and fueling ferocious regional contests a stimulating fusion of military and social history extending back to the eighteenth century and with contributions from such leading historians as brian bond paddy griffith and neil mcmillen war in the age of technology will interest lay readers and specialists alike

The Great War and Modern Memory 2000

beginning with an exploration into the question of what war is war and warfare since 1945 provides a chronological analysis of military history since the end of world war ii extending through to an analysis of the limits of modern warfare in the nuclear age with the purpose of examining why war occurs and how it is carried out among the types of conflict considered within the book are state conflicts civil wars proxy wars terrorism and counterterrorism insurgency genocide both theoretical and historical war and warfare since 1945 also explores the definitions ethics morals and effects of the use of militaries in and after war and puts forward important questions about how wars are resolved the wars discussed include the first arab israeli war the chinese civil war the korean war the cold war the vietnam war and the iraq war the book concludes with an investigation into modern war and speculation on the changing face of warfare

The Great War and Urban Life in Germany 2007-02-08

examines the practice and development of medicine within the armed forces from the late 19th century through the end of wwii spanning the laboratory and the battlefield material provides insight into different national styles and priorities examines the relationship between medical personnel and the armed forces as a whole looking at areas such as disease prevention treatment of psychiatric casualties and development of medical science cooter is professor of social history and director of the wellcome unit for the history of medicine at the university of east anglia annotation copyrighted by book news inc portland or

Modern Warfare 1973

how has war shaped modern society and vice versa how has it changed between the introduction of firearms and the invention of the atom bomb how is war waged today the oxford history of modern war examines the techniques technology and theory of war from the military revolution of the seventeenth century to the present day with fascinating thematic chapters

covering air and sea warfare combat experience women and war and even opposition to war the expert contributors explore major developments and themes including the growth of modern military professionalism and mass armies the extraordinary achievements of napoleon s armies the role of nationalism in battlegrounds as various as the american civil war and the former yugoslavia colonial wars the concept and reality of total war and guerrilla warfare this new and updated edition with new chapters on people s war and technology and war brings the story into the twenty first century addressing the dilemmas faced by military strategists in confronting international terrorism and in the wake of the invasion of iraq

Armed Conflict in the 21st Century: The Information Revolution and Post-Modern Warfare 2011-04-01

a major study of the theory and practice of warfare in the twentieth and twenty first centuries using relevant examples from recent history this book provides a complete introduction to the issues ideas concepts context and vocabulary of modern warfare the expert team of authors explore the conduct of war across land sea air and space in addition to addressing key issues relating to contemporary strategy weapons of mass destruction and irregular warfare including insurgency terrorism and civil war they provide an incisive and structured grounding in military theory and argue for the importance of understanding warfare within the joint inter service context and as an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary phenomenon by providing the tools required to truly understand contemporary military doctrine this accessible survey will be an invaluable resource for any student of military history or international relations as well as for military professionals

The Illusion Of Victory 2014-09-15

a thought provoking examination of the intersections of knowledge and violence and the quandaries and costs of modern technoscientific warfare science and violence converge in modern warfare while the finest minds of the twentieth century have improved human life they have also produced human injury they engineered radar developed electronic computers and helped mass produce penicillin all in the context of military mobilization scientists also developed chemical weapons atomic bombs and psychological warfare strategies rational fog explores the quandary of scientific and technological productivity in an era of perpetual war science is at its foundation an international endeavor oriented toward advancing human welfare at the same time it has been nationalistic and militaristic in times of crisis and conflict as our weapons have become more powerful scientists have struggled to reconcile these tensions engaging in heated debates over the problems inherent in exploiting science for military purposes m susan lindee examines this interplay between science and state violence and takes stock of researchers efforts to respond many scientists who wanted to distance their work from killing have found it difficult and have succumbed to the exigencies of war indeed lindee notes that scientists who otherwise oppose violence have sometimes been swept up in the spirit of militarism when war breaks out from the first uses of the gun to the mass production of ddt and the twenty first century battlefield of the mind the science of war has achieved remarkable things at great human cost rational fog reminds us that for scientists and for us all moral costs sometimes mount alongside technological and scientific advances

War in the Modern World, 1990-2014 2012

during the spanish civil war foreign military officers wrote highly elaborate reports of their experiences at the front one was

attaché col stephen o fuqua of the u s army who had once held the rank of major general his presence was highly unusual for most military observers were less experienced captains majors and lieutenant colonels fuqua s reports contained important observations about spanish armament and troop movements and he managed to acquire nationalist propaganda and information despite being situated entirely within republican military lines his reporting was considered so valuable that during world war ii fuqua was tapped to be time s military commentator editor james w cortada brings fuqua s and others insightful observations to light the result is a volume of such immediacy that the reader feels transported to a time of great historical uncertainty amid the twentieth century s great dress rehearsal for fascism and the conflagration of world war ii

Conceptualising Modern War 1990

a remarkable book small in size but with great clarity and insight into moral and ethical principles that need to be understood and reaffirmed henry kissinger every society and every period of history has had to face the reality of war war inevitably yields situations in which the normal ethical rules of society have to be overridden the just war tradition has evolved over the centuries as a careful endeavour to impose moral discipline and humanity on resort to war and in its waging and the tradition deserves our attention now as much as ever tracing the origin and nature of the tradition from its roots in christian thinking and providing a clear summary of its principles and drawing examples from kosovo afghanistan and the wars in iraq charles guthrie and michael quinlan look at the key concepts in relation to modern armed conflict this short but powerful book sets out the case for a workable and credible moral framework for modern war before while and after it is waged

The Lessons of Modern War 2001-04-01

this research collection provides a comprehensive study of important strategic cultural ethical and philosophical aspects of modern warfare it offers a refreshing analysis of key issues in modern warfare not only in terms of the conduct of war and the wider complexities and ramifications of modern conflict but also concepts of war the crucial shifts in the structure of warfare and the morality and legality of the use of force in a post 9 11 age

War in the Age of Technology 2017-07-28

this textbook provides a coherent introduction to post cold war and post 9 11 military theory for students seeking an initial understanding of strategic studies the 2nd edition is fully revised and updated with a new chapter on peace operations

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