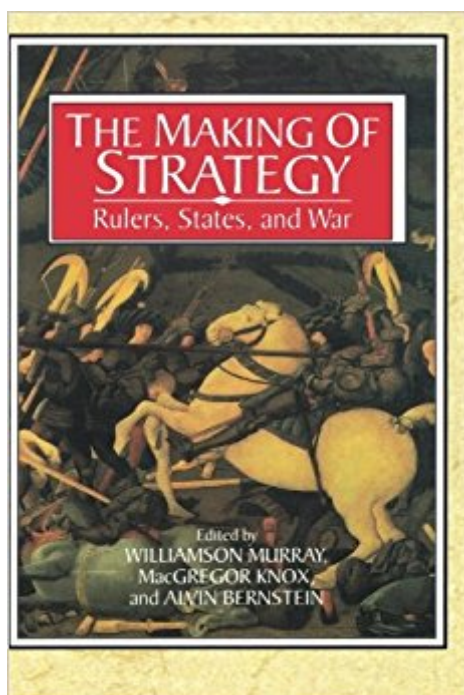


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# The Making Of Strategy: Rulers, States, And War



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Good stuff. Some chapters (chapters by different authors on different topics) not so good but still very interesting read

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This book has been great. Had to purchase for a class I was taking and I really appreciated the style which has different chapters with different authors dealing with different time periods/regions. Each chapter is written like a research paper and well supported with properly cited sources making this a solid reference material for any reader. I normally get rid of most of my college books but this one I am keeping not only for use in later research papers I am writing but also because I'm a fan of it. Highly recommended.

Just an excellent book. It was a textbook last term in uni and I know why. High quality work, although the title should be related to its historical theme, since it's more about history and less about theory. But other than that, it's highly recommended.

I bought this book due to a Master's class I am taking with American Military University, while I'm deployed. The book arrived in great condition and quickly. The seller was prompt in notifying me of when it would arrive, as I was afraid I would already be deployed when it got to my mail box. The book itself is interesting, but I've only started the first 3 chapters...

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