

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MODERN WAR

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Learn about the development of military technology and the evolution of strategy since the 15th century. From the the Spanish Tercio formations and the Colt revolver to industrial wars and nuclear arms race, this is the exciting history of the last six centuries of military conflicts.

Synopsis

This book offers a historical review of the last six centuries of military conflicts and the use of firearms to achieve power. Placing a special emphasis on the technological dimension of wars and their human and social consequences, the book tells of the role of the arquebus in putting an end to the 15th century cavalry, of the beginning of the war without rules of the 17th century, of the appearance of artillery in the 18th century, and of the impressive arms race of the 20th century. Despite the book's focus on war, the author goes beyond merely telling facts, battles, or the lives of famous military officers.

Biography

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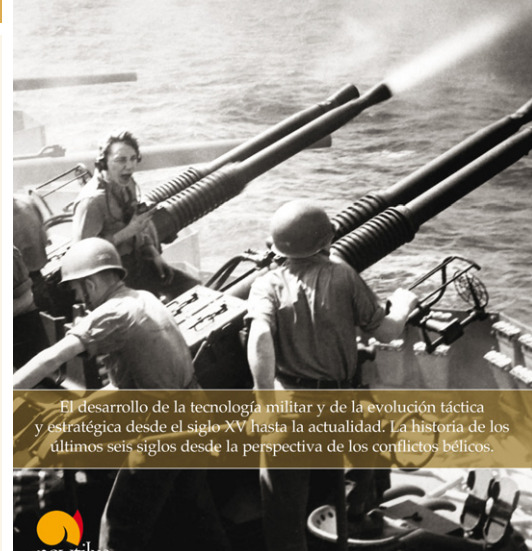
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CIVILIAN PERSPECTIVE ON WAR: The book looks at war through the interaction between humans, territory, and technology. In other words, it takes a civilian perspective that goes beyond political and military ideologies.

UNDERSTANDING WAR TO ACHIEVE PEACE: The book analyzes the causes of war and, at the same time, questions if it is possible to achieve peace through the study of the basic principles of war.

AIDS IN UNDERSTANDING EUROPEAN HISTORY: European history is filled with conflicts, armies and the culture of force.

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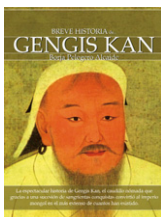


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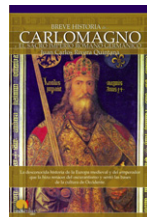
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