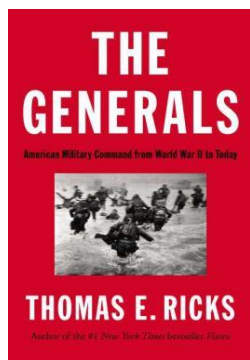


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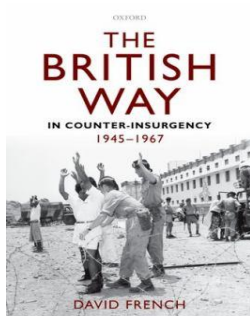


1. **The Generals: American Military Command from World War II to Today** by Thomas E. Ricks

The Generals rips up the definition of professionalism in which the US Army has clothed itself. Tom Ricks shows that it has lost the habit of sacking those who cannot meet the challenge of war, leaving it to presidents to do so. His devastating analysis explains much that is wrong in US civil-military relations. America's allies, who have looked to emulate too slavishly the world's preeminent military power, should also take heed.

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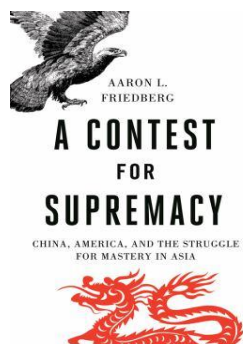


2. **The British Way in Counter-insurgency and Army, Empire and Cold War** by David French

This book provides a necessary corrective to the myths of British proficiency in COIN which have adversely affected the Army's understanding of its own corporate history, which in turn have contributed to wider operational problems in Iraq and Afghanistan. French's examination of the reality of British conduct of COIN campaigns in the post-war era is authoritative, and undermines the notion that the British were inherently 'good' (in terms of ethical behaviour and proficiency) at this form of warfare. It is a vital source for understanding the evolution of British policy and doctrine on COIN, and a corrective against further institutional complacency on the part of our armed forces.

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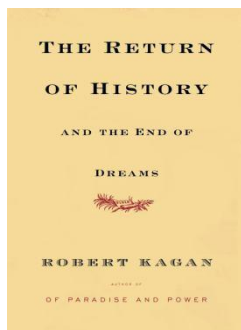


3. **A Contest for Supremacy: China, America, and the Struggle for Mastery in Asia** by Aaron Friedberg.

Princeton's Professor Aaron L. Friedberg offers a sober look at the state of US-Sino relations. He claims that despite common economic interests and challenges, fundamental ideological differences and an inevitable struggle for power in the region put both countries on a potential collision course. Friedberg makes a strong case for new US policies to address this perceived imbalance.

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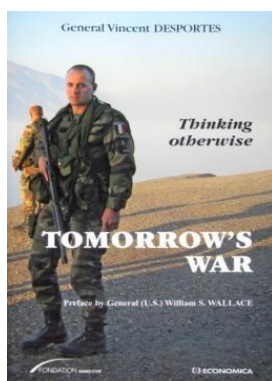


4. The Return of History and the End of Dreams by Robert Kagan.

In this short but important book, Robert Kagan sets out some important challenges for America in the post-Cold War era. He explains that the immediate period of calm following the collapse of the Berlin Wall has been short lived, and ideological conflict – or the fear of it – has now been replaced by a much starker reality. Competition for power and influence between major powers in this new era present new challenges for peace and security that Americans have yet to fully realise, and a responsibility for shaping the outcome which they have yet to properly consider.

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5. Tomorrow's War (Strategies & Doctrines) by General Vincent Desportes.

In this book, distinguished military theorist Vincent Desportes warns that war is ready to make a comeback around the globe and the Western powers are not prepared for it. He argues that while weaponry, tactics, alliances, and objectives are constantly evolving, political and military leaders are relying on outdated methods to combat them.

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