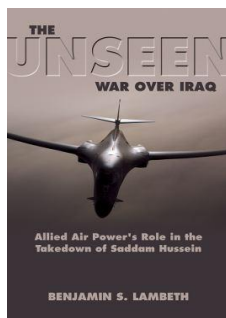


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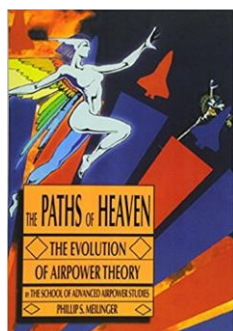
G. Others



1. **The Unseen War: Allied Air Power and the Takedown of Saddam Hussein by Ben Lambeth**

A very well documented history of the preparation and execution of the second Gulf War as well as the U.S. experience in Afghanistan. Those not familiar with military acronyms and terminology will enjoy it. Those who have experience in this area will enjoy it even more. The Paths of Heaven - The Evolution of Airpower Theory by Col Phillip S Meilinger "The Paths of Heaven" is a collection of essays chronicling the evolution of airpower in military application. It encompasses the thoughts of enthusiasts such as Giulio Douhet, 'Billy' Mitchell, and Alexander de Seversky, to the modernist views of John Boyd and John Warden. The book is a 'must-have' for every military historian's collection.

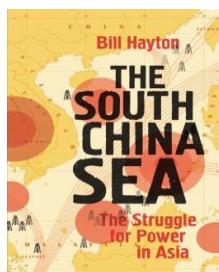
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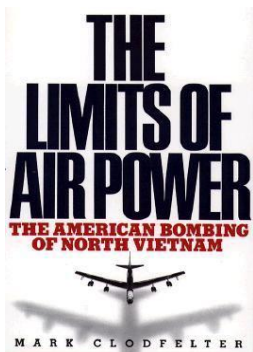
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3. **The South China Sea: The Struggle for Power in Asia by Bill Hayton**

An analysis of how the South China Sea has become the test of America's strategic "rebalancing" towards Asia and of its willingness to protect its friends and allies from Chinese bullying. A battle of nerves that is vulnerable to miscalculation, misperception and sheer bad luck.

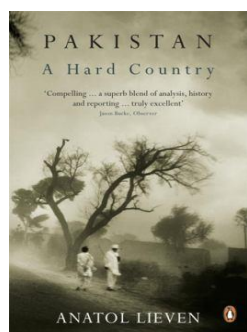
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4. The Limits of Airpower – the American Bombing of North Vietnam by Mark Clodfelter

Tracing the use of air power in World War II and the Korean War, Mark Clodfelter explains how U. S. Air Force doctrine evolved through the American experience in these conventional wars only to be thwarted in the context of a limited guerrilla struggle in Vietnam. Although a faith in bombing's sheer destructive power led air commanders to believe that extensive air assaults could win the war at any time, the Vietnam experience instead showed how even intense aerial attacks may not achieve military or political objectives in a limited war. Based on findings from previously classified documents in presidential libraries and air force archives as well as on interviews with civilian and military decision makers, *The Limits of Air Power* argues that reliance on air campaigns as a primary instrument of warfare could not have produced lasting victory in Vietnam.

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5. Pakistan: A Hard Country by Anatol Lieven

In the wake of Pakistan's development of nuclear weapons, unpoliceable border areas, shelter of the Afghan Taliban and Bin Laden, and the spread of terrorist attacks by groups based in Pakistan to London, Bombay and New York, there is a clear need to look further than the simple image of a failed state so often portrayed in the media, and to see instead a country of immense complexity and importance. Lieven's profound and sophisticated analysis paves the way for clearer understanding of this remarkable and highly contradictory country.

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6. High Command: British Military Leadership in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars by Christopher L Elliott

High Command, based on interviews with many of those at the helm of the military and the UK Ministry of Defence from the turn of the century, identifies fundamental flaws inside the ministry that set the conditions for failure. Offering a rare insight into the turmoil within the armed forces during one of the most critical decisions of the two wars -- the deployment of British forces to Helmand in 2006 when they were still fighting in southern Iraq.

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