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results of the country's own enormous history. Thus, today's high-tech, twenty-first-century military reflects patterns of adaptation and agglomeration and may only partially reveal the ideal military America would build if starting from a blank slate. Ultimately, this book seeks to open a window into the U.S. military in such a way that the reader can see it, for good or ill, for what it fundamentally is--a reflection of the nation, its priorities, and its people."

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