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Résumé ou extrait : The battlefield has changed. It is no longer defined solely by lines on a map but by pixels on a screen. The relentless, ubiquitous gaze of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR)—from persistent satellite overwatch to swarms of affordable drones—has fundamentally altered the calculus of conflict. Precision munitions, once a rarity, now threaten everything from a lone scout to a deployed armored division. In this era of hyper-sensed warfare, visibility is a liability. Concealment is not merely an advantage; it is the ultimate imperative for survival and operational success. I learned this truth starkly, not in a classroom, but in the biting cold. Eastern Ukraine. The mud was everywhere. I was embedded, advising PMC guys moving forward. The cold bit. Grey skies above. The drones were a constant hum. Always there. A presence. We hugged the tree line. Then the sudden whisper of rotors. Close. Too close. We dropped. Pressed into the frozen earth. Watched. A drone, small, passed low. Too low. We were visible. Exposed. We thought. But the fire came from the flank. Not from the drone's line of sight. Not from the obvious place. A flash. Then another. They hit the lead vehicle. We searched. Hard. For the origin. Nothing. Just skeletal trees. And bleak, frozen earth. Until a flicker. A slight shift in the shadows. A man. Not visible a second before. He wore winter greys. Blended. Melted into the bleakness. That day, theory died. And the imperative of true concealment was born. Again. The drone hadn't seen him. But his camouflage had hidden him from us. Crucially, this book doesn't just teach you how to hide; it teaches you how to dominate the observer's mind. By exploring the psychology of perception and

cognitive biases, you will learn to exploit the human brain's vulnerabilities, creating doubt, delay, and misdirection. We then elevate this understanding to the art of misdirection through tactical deception and decoy operations, providing the blueprint for believable illusions that can shape the enemy's decision-making and squander their precious resources. Finally, we look beyond the horizon. Advanced material science, AI-driven adaptive camouflage, and next-generation electronic warfare are not distant concepts—they are emerging realities shaping the future of the perceptual battle. We examine how these technologies, combined with rigorous training and unit-wide integration, are paramount to maintaining superiority. This book is a direct challenge to the notion of the transparent battlefield. It is a call to action for every military professional who understands that in an age of ubiquitous ISR and precision fires, the greatest weapon is often the one that is never seen.

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Camouflage (science militaire)

Défense -- Facteur humain

Guerre hybride

Capacité de soutien du combat (science militaire)

Officiers -- Prise de décision

Systèmes de commandement et conduite des opérations

Forme, genre ou caractéristiques physiques : Guides pratiques

Études de cas