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**The Last Stand of Fox Company** Bob Drury 2009-11-10 “The authors of the bestselling Halsey’s Typhoon do a fine job recounting one brutal, small-unit action during the Korean War’s darkest moment.” —Publishers Weekly November 1950, the Korean Peninsula. After General MacArthur ignores Mao’s warnings and pushes his UN forces deeper into North Korea, his 10,000 First Division Marines find themselves surrounded and hopelessly outnumbered by 100,000 Chinese soldiers near the Chosin Reservoir. Their only chance for survival is to fight their way south through the Toktong Pass, a narrow gorge that will need to be held open at all costs. The mission is handed to Captain William Barber and the 234 Marines of Fox Company, a courageous but undermanned unit of the First Marines. Barber and his men climb seven miles of frozen terrain to a rocky promontory overlooking the pass, where they will endure four days and five nights of nearly continuous Chinese attempts to take Fox Hill. Amid the relentless violence, three-quarters of Fox’s Marines are killed, wounded, or captured. Just when it looks like they will be overrun, Lt. Colonel Raymond Davis, a fearless Marine officer who is fighting south from Chosin, volunteers to lead a daring mission that will seek to cut a hole in the Chinese lines and relieve the men of Fox. This is a fast-paced and gripping account of heroism in the face of impossible odds.

Building The Old Contemptibles: British Military Transformation And Tactical Development From The Boer War To The Great War, 1899-1914 Major Andrew J. Risio 2014-08-15 Impressed with the tactical lessons of the Boer War, the British Army reformed its doctrine and training from 1899 to 1914, deploying a combat ready force, the “Old Contemptibles” of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in 1914. Because of these changes, the BEF played a crucial role in Belgium and France in 1914. The lessons of the Boer War guided the British Army and its interwar reforms. The doctrine and training developed from 1902-1914 was a significant improvement over the pre-Boer War British colonial warfare tactics. With Haldane’s organizational reforms and Robert’s new doctrine, the British Army built the Old Contemptibles of the BEF. The battles of 1914 showed the BEF was the equal of any European contemporary in quality of its tactics and doctrine. The comparison of the BEF to the other combatants in

1914 does not stand in stark contrast. The BEF performed well but no better or worse than comparable German or French units did. What does stand in stark contrast is the BEF in 1914 when compared with the expedition to South Africa in 1899. The years of reform between these two expeditions were truly a crucible that built the Old Contemptibles.

**Last Stands** Michael Walsh 2020-12-01 "A philosophical and spiritual defense of the premodern world, of the tragic view, of physical courage, and of masculinity and self-sacrifice in an age when those ancient virtues are too often caricatured and dismissed." —Victor Davis Hanson Award-winning author Michael Walsh celebrates the masculine attributes of heroism that forged American civilization and Western culture by exploring historical battles in which soldiers chose death over dishonor in *Last Stands: Why Men Fight When All Is Lost*. In our contemporary era, men are increasingly denied their heritage as warriors. A survival instinct that's part of the human condition, the drive to wage war is natural. Without war, the United States would not exist. The technology that has eased manual labor, extended lifespans, and become an integral part of our lives and culture has often evolved from wartime scientific advancements. War is necessary to defend the social and political principles that define the virtues and freedoms of America and other Western nations. We should not be ashamed of the heroes who sacrificed their lives to build a better world. We should be honoring them. The son of a Korean War veteran of the Inchon landing and the battle of the Chosin Reservoir with the U.S. Marine Corps, Michael Walsh knows all about heroism, valor, and the call of duty that requires men to fight for something greater than themselves to protect their families, fellow countrymen, and most of all their fellow soldiers. In *Last Stands*, Walsh reveals the causes and outcomes of more than a dozen battles in which a small fighting force refused to surrender to a far larger force, often dying to the last man. From the Spartans' defiance at Thermopylae and Roland's epic defense of Charlemagne's rear guard at Roncevaux Pass, through Santa Anna's siege of the Alamo defended by Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie to the skirmish at Little Big Horn between Crazy Horse's Sioux nation and George Armstrong Custer's Seventh Cavalry, to the Soviets' titanic struggle against the German Wehrmacht at Stalingrad, and more, Walsh reminds us all of the debt we owe to heroes willing to risk their lives against overwhelming odds—and how these sacrifices and battles are not only a part of military history but our common civilizational heritage.

El Alamein 1942: Turning Point in the Desert Richard Doherty 2018-08-30 The Battle of El Alamein is well established as a pivotal moment of the Second World War. Following the wildly fluctuating fortunes of the opposing sides, there was a real risk that Rommel's Afrika Korps and his Italian allies would break through and seize Cairo with catastrophic strategic and political implications for the Allies. That this never happened is, of course, well known but, as this highly readable yet authoritative work reveals, there were moments of extreme peril and anxiety. Churchill's bold, nay desperate, decisions concerning key appointments, Montgomery's stubborn refusal to be rushed, Rommel's chronic logistic problems and critical air superiority are all examined in expert detail. The author's description of the actual fighting is brought to life by personal accounts as well as his complete grasp of the plan and tactics involved. The result, seventy-five years on, is a delightfully fresh and fascinating account of one of the iconic battles, not just of the War but in military history.

**Great Warrior Leaders/thinkers** 1994

**Understanding Religious Violence** James Dingley 2018-11-23 This book addresses the

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problem of religiously based conflict and violence via six case studies. It stresses particularly the structural and relational aspects of religion as providing a sense of order and a networked structure that enables people to pursue quite prosaic and earthly concerns. The book examines how such concerns link material and spiritual salvation into a holy alliance. As such, whilst the religions concerned may be different, they address the same problems and provide similar explanations for meaning, success, and failure in life. Each author has conducted their own field-work in the religiously based conflict regions they discuss, and together the collection offers perspectives from a variety of different national backgrounds and disciplines.

**The Hitler Options** Kenneth Macksey 2015-02-19 'A thought-provoking study of what might have been.' British Army Review What would have happened if Hitler invaded England in July 1940, or concentrated on the capture of Moscow in 1941 instead of first diverting to Kiev? Or if Rommel had implemented Plan Orient in 1942, striking across the Middle East to join Japanese forces moving to India? How would the course of World War II have been changed if Churchill had persuaded the Americans to concentrate on attacking the 'soft underbelly' of Europe instead of Northern France? In this compelling book, ten acclaimed military historians explore what might have happened if at ten crucial turning-points of the war Hitler had taken a different direction, or how he would have reacted if the Allies had changed course. Each scenario is based on real situations and are within the bounds of what could genuinely have occurred. With vivid and realistic descriptions of the ensuing campaigns and battles, *The Hitler Options* is a gripping, thought-provoking and, at times, disturbing look at what could have been.

**Last Stands** Craig Philip 1994

**At All Costs** Bryan Perrett 2020-12-10 From the jaws of defeat, incredible victories. AT ALL COSTS! transports you to the battlefield for over two centuries of astonishing military confrontations. From the Battle of Minden in 1795 to dramatic second world war stories and the Battle for Goose Green in the Falklands, Bryan Perrett gives astoundingly vivid accounts of international forces in daring actions, achieving victory against the odds. These real-life military adventures are meticulously, accurately described, giving a true flavour of some of the most important moments in world history.

*Against All Odds!* Bryan Perrett 2000-06-01 What fierce motivation drives warriors to commit themselves to a last stand against a more powerful and better-armed enemy? The reasons are countless: anger, fear, brotherhood, personal glory, and survival. These 13 examples of persistence against incredible odds come from two centuries worth of combat in Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. Follow glorious battles from Napoleon and Wellington at Hougoumont to the bloody Civil War battle at Antietam to Pork Chop Hill in Korea.

[Never Surrender](#) Mark Felton 2013-06-30 While there have been many fine books covering the appalling experiences and great courage of the many thousands of POWs captured by the victorious Japanese during late 1941 and early 1942, escape accounts are much rarer. This is due in large part to the fact that only a comparatively small number of brave souls attempted to escape to freedom rather than suffer brutality, starvation and very possibly death as POWs. However, as *Never Surrender* vividly describes, there were a significant number who took this desperate course. Escapers faced challenges far more daunting than those in German hands. They were Westerners in an alien, hostile environment; the terrain and climate were extreme;

disease was rife; their physical condition was weak; there was every chance of starvation and betrayal and, if captured, they faced, at best, the harshest punishment and, at worst, execution. The author draws on escape attempts from Hong Kong, Thailand, the Philippines, Borneo and China by officers and men of the British, Commonwealth and US armed forces. As this superbly researched and uplifting book reveals, few escapers found freedom but all are inspiring examples of outstanding and, indeed, desperate courage. The stories told within these pages demonstrate the best and worst of human spirit.

Highlanders' Revenge Paul Tors 2016-07-27 "It was the first week of May 1940 and Mash was part of a patrol from the Cameron Highlanders. They were a few miles in front of the Maginot Line, the impregnable defensive system the French had built along the German border, on what the French called the Line of Contact..." *Highlanders' Revenge* tells the story of Mash, the nickname Highland soldiers give to an Englishman in their ranks. Scarred both from the retreat before the Blitzkrieg advance across France and from the murder of his first love, Mash has to integrate himself into a new section that is wary of the sullen and secretive 'Mash Man' - an outsider in their midst. Together they journey to Egypt where they encounter a way of life that tests them to their limits. Scorched by day, frozen by night and plagued by insects, they have to learn how to live and fight in the desert as they prepare for one of the greatest battles of the Second World War. They are then cast into the thick of the fighting at El Alamein and the Allies' tumultuous battle to break through the Axis defenses... *Highlanders' Revenge* combines the fast-paced action and intrigue of a military novel with the real-life exploits of the 5th Camerons, an extraordinary unit that saw action in most of the major battles in North Africa and Western Europe. As a result, the book is both a riotous story of battle and life, and also an insight into the world of this little-known, but fierce, fighting unit. It will appeal to fans of military fiction who also appreciate historical accuracy.

**Seize and Hold** Bryan Perrett 2020-12-10 *SEIZE AND HOLD* vividly demonstrates how military objectives can be seized by clever tactics and ruthless action. From the First World War to Vietnam, this collection gives exciting, atmospheric descriptions of eleven twentieth-century battlefield triumphs. Portraying military skills at their most daring and inventive, *SEIZE AND HOLD* is full of more drama and excitement than Hollywood could ever invent.

*Anglo-Zulu War, 1879* Harold E. Raugh, Jr. 2011-06-01 *Anglo-Zulu War, 1879: A Selected Bibliography* is a research guide and tool for identifying obscure publications and source materials in order to encourage continued original and thought-provoking contributions to this popular field of historical study. From the student or neophyte to the study of the Anglo-Zulu War, its battles, and its opponents to the more experienced historian or scholar, this selected bibliography is a must for anyone interested in the 1879 Anglo-Zulu War.

**Sergeant Stone, Sentinel of the Crescent City** Daniel Barker 2015-04-25 The inimitable Sergeant Stone returns with fifteen new short stories in this exciting follow up to *Sergeant Stone, NOPD!* He still guards the Crescent City against threats both ordinary and otherworldly, but that is not his only beat. Journey with him from the wars of ancient India to a dystopian future where a one-world state wields irresistible weapons against a rebellious populace. Along the way he will lay down the law in the Old West, join the French Foreign Legion in a desperate stand, explore the seas in a Viking longship, fly a fighter plane over war-torn Europe, battle the Mafia, train with Shaolin monks, duel Nazi commandos, and witness the tragic final hours of the Byzantine Empire. There are adventures within New Orleans as well, a place so colorful

that it is a microcosm of the world. It is there that he will meet the daunting challenge of marriage! And it is there that he will face the fight of his life when his deadly enemies finally find him...

Sacred Suicide Carole M. Cusack 2016-04-08 The label 'Suicide Cults' has been applied to a wide variety of different alternative religions, from Jonestown to the Solar Temple to Heaven's Gate. Additionally, observers have asked if such group suicides are in any way comparable to Islamist suicide terrorism, or to historical incidents of mass suicide, such as the mass suicide of the ancient community of Masada. Organizationally and ideologically diverse, it turns out that the primary shared trait of these various groups is a common stereotype of religion as an irrational force that pushes fanatics to undertake acts of suicidal violence. Offering a valuable perspective on New Religious Movements and on religion and violence, Sacred Suicide brings together contributions from a diverse range of international scholars of sociology, religious studies and criminology.

*Why the Japanese Lost* Bryan Perrett 2014-06-30 This book tells the story of a war unlike any other in history, fought between a nation that believed itself to be invincible, even when its strength was being systematically destroyed by the greatest industrial power in the world. ??Prior to the middle of the nineteenth century, the Empire of Japan was content to remain in medieval isolation and, apart from very limited trading concessions, was unwilling to extend her contacts with the western world. This was all to change however, as Japan hurtled forwards into the twentieth century, armed and determined to carve out a new identity characterised by a dominating spirit. Dejected by the Great Depression of the early 1930s, they were a nation grown from moderate to militant.??Following the pivotal and devastating attack on Pearl Harbour in 1941, the Japanese Army were emboldened. Hong Kong, Malaya, Singapore, Burma, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies were all overrun with deceptive ease, leading the army to become dangerously confident in their ability. Subsequently named 'The Victory Disease', the author argues that it was this arrogant complacency that led to the army's ultimate downfall. Each episode of note in the history of the Japanese military forces is relayed, as the author dissects, analyses and endeavours to explain the root causes and pivotal decisions that led to defeat.??As seen in the Ormskirk Champion and Ormskirk & Skelmersdale Advertiser

**Burnside's Bridge** Phillip Thomas Tucker 2011-07-20 Profile of the troops whose last stand helped prevent the destruction of the Army of Northern Virginia, providing Robert E. Lee with yet another chance for a northern invasion .

Last Stand Bryan Perrett 2012-10-11 What do soldiers do when all is lost? They keep fighting! In this best-selling anthology, Bryan Perrett provides gripping accounts of close-quarter battles and hard fought victory against all the odds. His journey from Napoleonic Europe through to the Korean War highlights thirteen episodes of incredible bravery and sacrifice in unbelievable actions. The book begins with the gallant fight of Napoleon's Old Guard at Waterloo. It examines the famous actions at the Alamo; against the Zulus at Rorke's Drift; and 'the Bridge Too Far' at Arnhem. The adventure concludes with the desperate last stand of the Gloucesters at Imjin during the Korean War. Last Stand! is the breathtaking story of ultimate sacrifice and glorious victory.

*Warfare and Armed Conflicts* Micheal Clodfelter 2017-05-09 In its revised and updated fourth

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edition, this exhaustive encyclopedia provides a record of casualties of war from the last five centuries through 2015, with new statistical and analytical information. Figures include casualties from global terrorism, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the fight against the Islamic State. New entries cover an additional 20 armed conflicts between 1492 and 2007 not included in previous editions. Arranged roughly by century and subdivided by world region, chronological entries include the name and dates of the conflict, precursor events, strategies and details, the outcome and its aftermath.

*The Black Art of War* James W. Peterson III 2020-05-18 HANNIBAL THE CONQUEROR is the greatest military strategist to ever come out of Africa! And come out of Africa he did...with sword swinging! Hannibal is the only general ever to INVADE the mighty ROMAN EMPIRE and come away smiling! Now see how and why: • The 99 "TRUTHS" that make up HANNIBAL'S BLACK ART OF WAR have been compared to the classic writings of history's other great WARRIORS & STRATEGISTS: SUN TZU (The Art of War), Japan's Samurai swordmaster Miyamoto Musashi (A Book of Five Rings), and MACHIAVELLI (The Prince). • Down through the ages Hannibal's victories have helped inspire the conquest and cunning of other African heroes and conquerors from KING ANTAR; QUEEN CLEOPATRA of Egypt; PRINCE JUGURTHA, slave revolt leader NAT TURNER, and African Emperors SHAKA ZULU and HAILE SALLASIE! • Still today, HANNIBAL'S 99 TRUTHS continue to inspire the wit and wisdom and winning strategies of MODERN-DAY MOVERS & SHAKERS, ENTREPRENEURS, SPORTS STARS & ENTERTAINERS: from Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali, to modern-day generals like Colin Powell. • Here in his "99 TRUTHS" are revealed Hannibal's thoughts and strategies on: How to MAKE YOURSELF STRONGER & SMARTER \*\*\*\*\* How to GATHER & USE INTELLIGENCE \*\*\*\*\* The Truth about ENEMIES & AMBITION \*\*\*\*\* The truth about PEACE...and How to Make WAR! \*\*\*\*\* The Truth about HONOR and When and How to take REVENGE! \*\*\*\*\* The Truth about the Nature of People \*\*\*\*\* The Truth about Nature of The Gods \*\*\*\*\* The importance of FAMILY & FRIENDS (Why it's important to have a good "POSSE"!) \*\*\*\*\* Finding LOVE...and not letting DEATH find YOU!

**The Italian War on the Eastern Front, 1941-1943** Bastian Matteo Scianna 2019-09-09 The Italian Army's participation in Hitler's war against the Soviet Union has remained unrecognized and understudied. Bastian Matteo Scianna offers a wide-ranging, in-depth corrective. Mining Italian, German and Russian sources, he examines the history of the Italian campaign in the East between 1941 and 1943, as well as how the campaign was remembered and memorialized in the domestic and international arena during the Cold War. Linking operational military history with memory studies, this book revises our understanding of the Italian Army in the Second World War.

**Outnumbered, Outgunned, Undeterred: Twenty Battles Against All Odds** Rob Johnson 2011-10-01 How military forces have prevailed against the odds, explained through vivid narratives and specially commissioned battle plans. Throughout history men and women have fought, endured, and sometimes emerged victorious though the odds were against them. What conditions must exist to enable relatively small or weak forces to challenge and even overcome the strong? Here are twenty historical examples, from 1777 to the present, that reveal both the common themes and the exceptional aspects of those achievements. The examples range from George Washington's rebuilding of the patriot army in the Revolutionary War to the defense of the Philippines in 1941-42, from Si'mon Boli'var's liberation of South America to Finland's defiance of the Soviet Union in the Winter War of 1939. The courage of

the Devonshire Regiment at Bois des Buttes in France in 1918 shows what skillful and determined resistance can achieve, though—as in the defense of Stalingrad in 1943—isolated forces were often left with no option but to fight. The resolve that accompanies a last-ditch effort is demonstrated in the Israeli Defense of the Golan Heights in 1973. Two more recent examples—the Battle of Debecka Pass in Iraq in 2003 and the battle of the Patrol Bases in Afghanistan, 2006–08—show that some themes from these extraordinary historic achievements are still played out in warfare today.

Imogene's Last Stand Candace Fleming 2014-08-05 Meet Imogene Tripp, a plucky girl with a passion for history. As a baby, her first words were “Four score and seven years ago.” In preschool, she finger-painted a map of the Oregon Trail. So it’s not surprising that when the mayor wants to tear down the long-neglected Liddleville Historical Society to make room for a shoelace factory, Imogene is desperate to convince the town how important its history is. But even though she rides through the streets in her Paul Revere costume shouting, “The bulldozers are coming, the bulldozers are coming!” the townspeople won’t budge. What’s a history-loving kid to do? Filled with quotes from history’s biggest players—not to mention mini-bios—and lots of humor, this is the perfect book for budding historians. “This girl-power story succeeds as an energetic—and funny—against-all-odds tale.” —The Horn Book Magazine, Starred

**The Imjin and Kapyong Battles** Paul MacKenzie 2013-03-12 The sacrifice of the "Glorious Glosters" in defense of the Imjin River line and the hilltop fights of Australian and Canadian battalions in the Kapyong Valley have achieved greater renown in those nations than any other military action since World War II. This book is the first to compare in depth what happened and why. Using official and unofficial source material ranging from personal interviews to war diaries, this study seeks to disentangle the mythology surrounding both battles and explain why events unfolded as they did. Based on thorough familiarity with all available sources, many not previously utilized, it sheds new light on fighting "the forgotten war."

**Pacific Alamo** John Wukovits 2004-07-06 It happened in the shadow of Pearl Harbor—mere hours after the first attack on the day that would “live in infamy.” But few know the full story of Wake Island. Now a prominent military historian, breaking new ground on the assault, relates the compelling events of that day and the heroic struggle that followed. Thanks to the brave Marines stationed there—and the civilian construction workers who selflessly put their lives on the line to defend the island—what was supposed to be an easy victory became a protracted and costly battle for Imperial Japan. This is the story of that battle, from survivors on both sides, and with a gallery of historic photos.

*Custer, the Seventh Cavalry, and the Little Big Horn* Mike O'Keefe 2012-11-20 Since the shocking news first broke in 1876 of the Seventh Cavalry's disastrous defeat at the Little Big Horn, fascination with the battle—and with Lieutenant George Armstrong Custer—has never ceased. Widespread interest in the subject has spawned a vast outpouring of literature, which only increases with time. This two-volume bibliography of Custer literature is the first to be published in some twenty-five years and the most complete ever assembled. Drawing on years of research, Michael O'Keefe has compiled entries for roughly 3,000 books and 7,000 articles and pamphlets. Covering both nonfiction and fiction (but not juvenile literature), the bibliography focuses on events beginning with Custer's tenure at West Point during the 1850s

and ending with the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890. Included within this span are Custer's experiences in the Civil War and in Texas, the 1873 Yellowstone and 1874 Black Hills expeditions, the Great Sioux War of 1876-77, and the Seventh Cavalry's pursuit of the Nez Perces in 1877. The literature on Custer, the Battle of the Little Big Horn, and the Seventh Cavalry touches the entire American saga of exploration, conflict, and settlement in the West, including virtually all Plains Indian tribes, the frontier army, railroading, mining, and trading. Hence this bibliography will be a valuable resource for a broad audience of historians, librarians, collectors, and Custer enthusiasts.

*Impossible Victories* Bryan Perrett 2015-10-30 Victory on the battlefield is sometimes achieved against the odds victory snatched from the jaws of apparently inevitable defeat. A daring counter attack, an unexpected manoeuvre, a stubborn refusal to be beaten and the impossible victory is won. In the ten dramatic episodes in this book, military historian Bryan Perrett revisits battles from the Peninsula War of 1811 to Vietnam in 1967, via colonial action in two world wars.

**Transformation Under Fire** Douglas A. Macgregor 2003 Are we prepared to meet the challenges of the next war? What should our military look like? What lessons have we learned from recent actions in Afghanistan and Iraq? Macgregor has captured the attention of key leaders and inspired a genuine public debate on military reform. Macgregor's controversial ideas, favored by the current Bush administration, would reduce timelines for deployment, enhance responsiveness to crises, and permit rapid decision-making and planning.

**The Changing Face Of Battle** Bryan Perrett 2012-10-11 A fascinating study of the changing face of the art of warfare over the past 2000 years, by one of today's most readable historians Mankind has always been in conflict. Without war, there would be no peace, no stability, no safety. Men go to war to defend, or acquire, territory that they see as rightly theirs; to defend, or impose, beliefs that they hold as fundamental truths. In 2,000 years, while the causes of battle have hardly changed, the conduct of battle has changed and developed apace. Technology advances, weaponry becomes ever more powerful, military thinking shifts again and again. In *THE CHANGING FACE OF BATTLE*, historian Bryan Perrett reviews that continuous process of change, from AD 9 through to the Gulf War. By analysis of some 30 significant battle confrontations he shows, in clear detail, just how advanced we now are in the art of warfare.

**Why the Germans Lost** Bryan Perrett 2013-11-20 This book examines the history of the German Army which, for the best part of two centuries, influenced the course of events in Continental Europe. It was an army that studied the conduct of war at the highest levels, planning for the destruction of its opponents during the early stages of a war. On some occasions, this principle succeeded brilliantly. On others, its details were flawed and the results were disastrous. This new and exciting publication from seasoned historian and author Bryan Perrett charts the ups and downs of the German army from the days of Frederick the Great to the dying days of World War Two. It passes through the Napoleonic period, takes in the growth of war machinery under the leadership of Clausewitz and Moltke and acquaints the reader with the various victories won against Austria in 1866 and France in 1870. It then moves forwards into the twentieth century, following the course of the Imperial German army, its successes and ultimate failure in the Great War, its recovery in the inter-war years and its final destruction under the leadership of Hitler.

the general reader alike in the easy, readable style that has ensured Bryan Perrett's international popularity as a military and naval historian.

**Leadership as Lunacy** Jacky Lumby 2010-08-10 Research has shown that metaphors inspire leaders to reflect on their mind-sets, behaviors, practices, and approaches, leading to new perspectives on their roles. Using such thought-provoking and unexpected metaphors as "leadership as war" and "leadership as lunacy," the authors draw readers through historical perspectives and cognitive possibilities that inspire, resolve, confuse, and provoke reflection on the state of leadership in education. This book examines the current discourse on educational leadership models, behaviors, and roles, and helps school and district leaders

**The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors** James D. Hornfischer 2008-11-12 "This will be a fight against overwhelming odds from which survival cannot be expected. We will do what damage we can." With these words, Lieutenant Commander Robert W. Copeland addressed the crew of the destroyer escort USS Samuel B. Roberts on the morning of October 25, 1944, off the Philippine Island of Samar. On the horizon loomed the mightiest ships of the Japanese navy, a massive fleet that represented the last hope of a staggering empire. All that stood between it and Douglas MacArthur's vulnerable invasion force were the Roberts and the other small ships of a tiny American flotilla poised to charge into history. In the tradition of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Flags of Our Fathers*, James D. Hornfischer paints an unprecedented portrait of the Battle of Samar, a naval engagement unlike any other in U.S. history—and captures with unforgettable intensity the men, the strategies, and the sacrifices that turned certain defeat into a legendary victory. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from James D. Hornfischer's *Neptune's Inferno*. Praise for *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* "One of the finest WWII naval action narratives in recent years, this book follows in the footsteps of *Flags of Our Fathers*. . . . Exalting American sailors and pilots as they richly deserve. . . . Reads like a very good action novel."—Publishers Weekly "Reads as fresh as tomorrow's headlines. . . . Hornfischer's captivating narrative uses previously classified documents to reconstruct the epic battle and eyewitness accounts to bring the officers and sailors to life."—Texas Monthly "Hornfischer is a powerful stylist whose explanations are clear as well as memorable. . . . A dire survival-at-sea saga."—Denver Post "In *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors*, James Hornfischer drops you right into the middle of this raging battle, with 5-inch guns blazing, torpedoes detonating and Navy fliers dive-bombing. . . . The overall story of the battle is one of American guts, glory and heroic sacrifice."—Omaha World Herald

**Legacy** Charles E. Rankin 1996 Proceedings of the Little Bighorn Legacy Symposium, held in Billings, Montana, August 3-6, 1994.

*For Valour* Bryan Perrett 2012-10-11 Stories of outstanding bravery on the battlefield The Victoria Cross, a simple bronze cross inscribed For Valour on the front and engraved with the recipient's name, rank, number, unit and the date of the action on the reverse, was first awarded by Queen Victoria - in a ceremony in Hyde Park - in 1857, to heroes of the Crimea. The VC is the most prized British and Commonwealth decoration for gallantry, and is earned too often at the cost of the ultimate sacrifice. Only 1,354 VCs have been awarded, and this book, in Bryan Perrett's inimitable style, tells the story behind some of the most remarkable, from the Crimea through to the Second World War. Likewise, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the US equivalent decoration, is celebrated here in equal measure in his gripping episodes of outstanding gallantry in battle. The VC and the Medal of Honor have on occasion

even been awarded for acts on the same battlefield.

## **Military Review 2001**

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand Helen Simonson 2011-01-04 Major Ernest Pettigrew is perfectly content to lead a quiet life in the sleepy village of Edgcombe St Mary, away from the meddling of the locals and his overbearing son. But when his brother dies, the Major finds himself seeking companionship with the village shopkeeper, Mrs Ali. Drawn together by a love of books and the loss of their partners, they are soon forced to contend with irate relatives and gossiping villagers. The perfect gentleman, but the most unlikely hero, the Major must ask himself what matters most: family obligation, tradition or love? Funny, comforting and heart-warming, Major Pettigrew's Last Stand proves that sometimes, against all odds, life does give you a second chance.

**The Tao of Deception** Ralph D. Sawyer 2007-02-13 The history of China is a history of warfare. Wars have caused dynasties to collapse, fractured the thin facade of national unity, and brought decades of alien occupation. But throughout Chinese history, its warfare has been guided by principles different from those that governed Europe. Chinese strategists followed the concept, first articulated by Sun-tzu in *The Art of War*, of *qi* (ch'i), or unorthodox, warfare. The concept of *qi* involves creating tactical imbalances in order to achieve victory against even vastly superior forces. Ralph D. Sawyer, translator of *The Art of War* and one of America's preeminent experts on Chinese military tactics, here offers a comprehensive guide to the ancient practice of unorthodox warfare. He describes, among many other tactics, how Chinese generals have used false rumors to exploit opposing generals' distrust of their subordinates; dressed thousands of women as soldiers to create the illusion of an elite attack force; and sent word of a false surrender to lure enemy troops away from a vital escape route. *The Tao of Deception* is the book that military tacticians and military historians will turn to as the definitive guide to a new, yet ancient, way of thinking about strategy.

**Slaughter at Sea** Mark Felton 2007-11-15 The author of *Japan's Gestapo* details the atrocities committed by the Japanese Navy during World War II. While the Japanese Navy followed many of the British Royal Navy's traditions and structures, it had a totally different approach to the treatment of its foes. Author Mark Felton has uncovered a plethora of outrages against both servicemen and civilians that make chilling and shocking reading. These range from the execution of POWs to the abandonment of survivors to the elements and certain starvation to the infamous Hell Ships. Felton, who lives in the Far East, examines the different culture that led to these frequent and appalling atrocities. This is a serious and fascinating study of a dark chapter in naval warfare history.

*The Real Hornblower* Bryan Perrett 2014-11-18 “[Perrett] argues that Gordon, who went from a humble boy seaman to an admiral during a remarkable career, was the real inspiration for Hornblower.” —The Scotsman Ever since C.S. Forester's fictional hero Horatio Hornblower began to delight and enthrall readers, there has been speculation as to whether his adventures were based on the career of a real naval officer. Several names were suggested; the general conclusion was that Hornblower was a composite character. However, while researching the campaign that resulted in the burning of Washington's public buildings, Bryan Perret consulted Forester's *The Naval War of 1812* and was surprised to discover that the author had been deliberately reticent regarding a Captain James Alexander Gordon, RN, who

had led his squadron up the Potomac. Further inspection of naval records revealed a startling number of parallels between the careers of Gordon and Hornblower. Subsequent research spanning a period of ten years uncovered yet more similarities—too many, in fact, to be a matter of simple coincidence. It became apparent that Forester was aware of Gordon when the first of his books were written, and that he chose Gordon's career as the framework on which his hero's life would be based. In telling the largely unknown story of Admiral Gordon's active service career, Bryan Perrett has produced a book that will be appreciated by the thousands of readers who have enjoyed the adventures of Horatio Hornblower and his successors. It will also be welcomed by anyone with an interest in the naval warfare of the Napoleonic era, while those who take pleasure in biography will find that they have the added bonus of an absorbing literary and historical detective story.