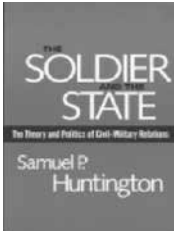


# Books for Reading

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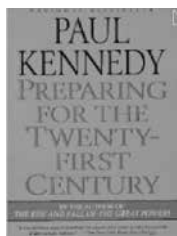
PK MALLICK

Preparation for war is an expensive, burdensome business, yet there is one important part of it that costs little--study. However changed and strange the new conditions of war maybe, not only Generals, but politicians and ordinary citizens may find there is much to be learned from the past that can be applied to the future.



**The Soldier and the State:** *The Theory and Politics of Civil-Military Relations*  
*Samuel P. Huntington*

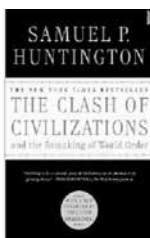
The tension between soldier and statesman is rooted in the essence of professionalism. Offering a now-classic description of the military mind—conservative, realistic, and pessimistic about human nature—Huntington prescribes “objective control” as the optimum form of civil-military relations. This form of civilian control achieves its objectives by maximising the professionalism of the officer corps to include its autonomy within a clearly defined military sphere. This is an absolute classic. Fortunately, most of Army’s Libraries do have a copy of this book.



**The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers**

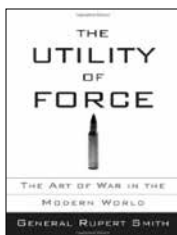
*Paul Kennedy*

During our growing up years in the Army, most of us have read this book. An equally interesting book is “Preparing for the Twenty-First Century” by Paul Kennedy.



**The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order,**  
*Samuel P. Huntington*

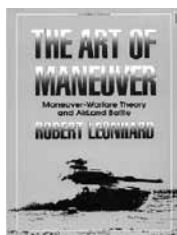
The most talked about book of the last decade, hugely controversial. Unfortunately, Huntington has given scarce respect or space for Indian Civilisations.



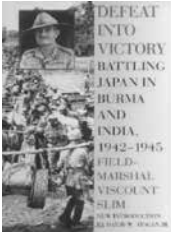
**The Utility of Force: The Art of War in the Modern World**  
*Rupert Smith*

The most talked about book in last three years. War no longer exists, writes General Sir Rupert Smith, powerfully reminding us that the clash of mass national armies” the system of war since Napoleon” will never occur again from Iraq to the Balkans, and from Afghanistan to Chechnya. Smith

charts a stream of armed interventions that have failed to deliver on promises of resolution. He demonstrates why today’s conflicts must be understood as intertwined political and military events. He makes clear why the current one-size-fits-all model of total war, fought out on battlefields, that politicians still cling to must be abandoned in favour of new strategies that take into account the fact that wars are now fought among civilian populations. The author offers a compelling new model for how to fight these battles and secure our world.



**The Art of Maneuver: Maneuver Warfare Theory and Airland Battle**  
*Robert Leonhard*



**Defeat Into Victory: Battling Japan in Burma and India, 1942-1945**

*Field-Marshal Viscount William Slim*

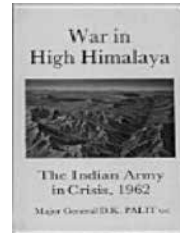
The greatest British General, if not of all Generals of Second World War, had written this book with felicity. Slim's talks on Leadership are absolute gems.



**India's China War**

*Neville Maxwell*

After the 1962 debacle all major players like Lt Gen BM Kaul, Lt Gen L P Sen, Maj Gen Niranjan Prasad, Brig (later Maj Gen) DK Pallit, Brig JP Dalvi, IB Chief BN Mullick etc had written their part of the story. Some



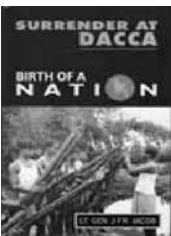
people believe that Naville Maxwell had an access to the Handerson Brooks report on the Indo-China War. The book may not be charitable to the Indians. However, any serious reader of military history cannot ignore this book. The next recommended book on 1962 war would be surely Maj Gen DK Palit's "War in High Himalayas".



**India's Wars : Since Independence**

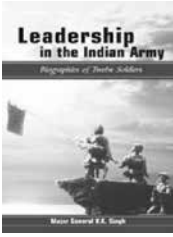
*Maj Gen Sukhwant Singh*

A number of books have been written on Indo Pak wars of 1965 and 1971, but Maj Gen Sukhwant Singh's book is very objective.



**Surrender at Dhaka**

*Lt Gen JFR Jacob*



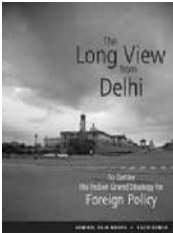
### **Leadership in the Indian Army**

*Maj Gen VK Singh*

We are the most battle hardened Army in the world. After the Second World War we have fought major wars in 48, 62, 65, 71 and in OP-PAWAN, Kargil not to forget CI Ops in North East from early 60s to Punjab and ongoing J&K.

However, for any leadership studies we were only looking to Monty, MacArthur, Manstein and others. This book has drawn our attention to our very own Generals.

One cannot find, post Second World War, better tactical and operational brilliance of a commander than Lt Gen Sagat Singh's exploits in Goa, 67 skirmishes with China at Nathu La, CI Ops in North East, culminating in his brilliant handling of Corps Level operations in Bangladesh. His dash towards Dhaka, crossing of Meghna river with helicopters and all sorts of vessels of river showed the core competency of Indian Army. Lt Gen Hanut Singh's biography is also equally brilliant. A must read for all professional soldiers of Indian Army.



### **The Long View from Delhi: To Define the Indian Grand Strategy for Foreign Policy**

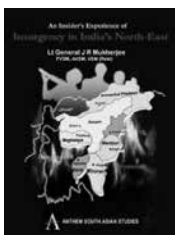
*Raja Menon, Rajiv Kumar*

For the first time I read a book where net assessment has been used in the Indian context. Crisp, to the point, the book is strongly recommended for planners.

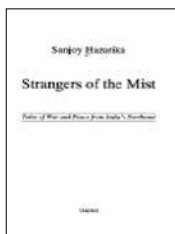
### **North East**

In spite of the Army's involvement in North East for such a long time our knowledge of demography, anthropology, culture, history, traditions of the magnificent seven sisters is not always up to the mark. I do not know of anybody other than Lt Gen JR Mukherjee who has more knowledge of North East. After retirement Lt Gen Johny Mukherjee wrote a book on North East, "An Insider's Experience of Insurgency in India's North-East" published by the Anthem Press India.

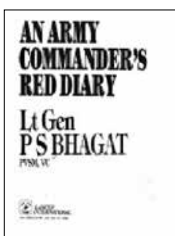
Written with empathy and lucidity, General Johny Mukherjee's book combines hard fact with sensitive insight in his approach to the region's landscape, people and history. The author analyses problems intrinsic to this enigmatic area, offering viable solutions where possible. As former Chief of Staff of the Eastern



Command, Mukherjee forms astute observations about the north-east's conditions. Drawing on his 41 years of experience with north-eastern soldiers, ex-servicemen and their families, he is able to explore the perspectives of both the north-eastern people and those who oppose them.



I also recommend *Sanjoy Hazarika's* book “**Strangers in the Mist**” for people interested in North East.

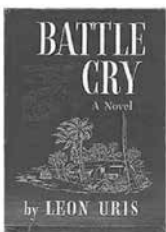


Lt Gen PS Bhagat, Victoria Cross Winner, is one of the finest soldiers Indian Army has produced. The General had been writing on strategic aspects even when he was in service. “The Shield and the Sword”, “Forging the Shield” are examples of his clear strategic thinking.

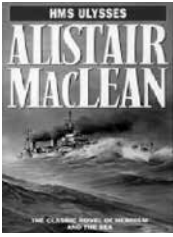
However, I recommend “An Army Commander’s Red Diary” by the General. The book shows even as Corps and Army Commander, how much detail he was going into for standardising routine administrative works.

### Novels

Some of the novels are a must read, for military professionals. Leon Uris and Alistair McLean, in my personal opinion, have not been able to write anything much better than their first published novels of “Battle Cry” and “HMS Ulysses” respectively. In the list both these books find a pride of place.

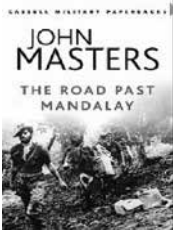


**Battle Cry** This is a story of Regimental Signallers of a Marine Battalion of 6<sup>th</sup> Marines in Pacifics.

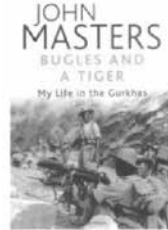


**HMS Ulyssis**

Sheer brilliant, the character of the Captain of the ship is unforgettable.

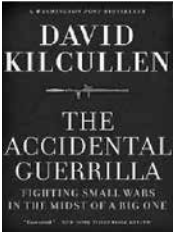


**John Masters-** I am sure Gorkhas read this book as Bible/Gita. His next book “Road Past Mandalay” is equally gripping.

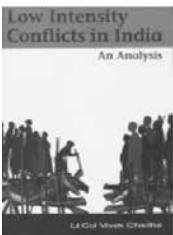


**Counter Insurgency**

Most Indian reading on Counter Insurgency is remarkably biased towards British experience in Malaya. Somehow contemporary writings by people like David Galula on Algeria and others are missing from our lists. These writers are worth reading to understand the nuances of CI Operations.



David Kilcullen’s book **The Accidental Guerilla-** This Colonel from Australian Army has CI experience in Far East and Iraq and was part of Petraeus’ Team for writing US Army’s COIN Manual.

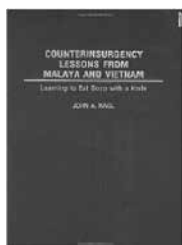


I have no doubt with such rich and varied experience our Colonel of Indian Army will also be able to write land mark books on CI Ops. Col Vivek Chadha of MLI had already written an excellent book on “**Low Intensity Conflicts in India: An Analysis.**”

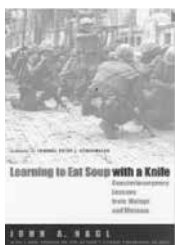


**Limiter War, Dr Suba Chandran.** This thin book is extremely well written and incisive.

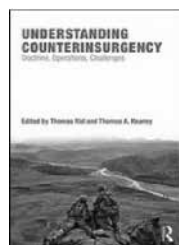
Some of the recent books on CI Ops which would also form a part of important reads are:



Counterinsurgency Lessons from Malaya and Vietnam  
John A. Nagl



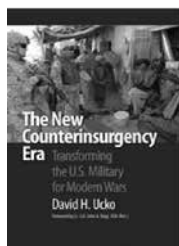
Learning to Eat Soup with a Knife  
John A. Nagl



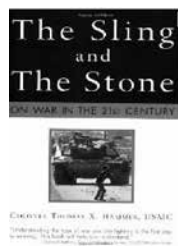
Understanding Counterinsurgency  
Edited by  
Thomas Rid and  
Thomas A kenny



Counterinsurgency  
David Kilcullen



The New Counterinsurgency Era: Transforming the U.S Military for Modern Wars  
David H. Ukho



The Sling and The Stone :  
On War in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Col Thomas X. Hammes,  
USMC

Though we do lack in original thinking by Indian military writers, Brig J Nazareth is a glorious exception. His book “Creative Thinking in Warfare” strongly recommended. His other books like “Analysis and Solution of Military Problems” and “The Psychology of Military Humour” are equally fascinating. Following is a list of some more interesting and intriguing books.

<b>Books</b>	<b>Authors</b>
Face of the Battle	John Keegan
Memories	Zukhov
Officer as a leader	S L A Marshall
Path to Leadership	Montgomery
Anatomy of Courage	Lord Moran
A Soldier's Story	Omar Bradley
On the psychology of Military Incompetence	Normal Dixon
The Bear Trap	Brig M Yousuf
On Matters Military	Lt Gen S K Sinha
Follow Me	Maj Gen Aubrey Red Newman
The Kautilya Arthasastra	R P Kangli, Motilal Banarassi Das, Delhi.
War and Anti War	Alvin and Heidi Tofflers
Operation Thunder- The Entebbe Raid	Yehuda
War of Atonement	Chaim Herzog
Pork Chop Hill	S L A Marshall
Follow Me	Samuel m Katz
It Doesn't Take a Hero	Schwarzkopf, H Norman and Peter Petre
On the Bank of the Suez Israelis Generals' Personal account of the Yom Kipper War.	Abraham Adan
The Desert Generals	Correlli Barnett
Common Sense Training A Working Philosophy for Leaders	Lt Gen Arthur S Collins, Jr
Assignment Jaffna	Lt Gen S C Sardesh Pande
War Despatchers	Lt Gen Harbaksh Singh, Vrc, PVSM
My Years with IAF	Air Chief Marshal PC Lal, PVSM, DFC

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