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(Malcolm Gladwell, author of *Outliers* and *Blink*)

Gary Klein has taken aim at attempts to base decision making on analytic reasoning. To his credit, he does not claim that analytic decision models are useless. He argues that they are limited, and he shows how and why. Klein shows the importance of human understanding and experience as alternatives to analytic models, especially in complex and dynamic situations. He makes his point with many excellent examples, drawn both from his own extensive experience and from the literature. This is a book that should be read by anyone with a serious interest in how decisions ought to be made, whether by humans or machines.

(**Earl Hunt**, Professor Emeritus, University of Washington)

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Gary Klein is a Senior Scientist at Applied Research Associates. He is the author of *Sources of Power: How People Make Decisions* (1999) and the coauthor of *Working Minds: A Practitioner's Guide to Cognitive Task Analysis* (2006), both published by the MIT Press.

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