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"Intelligence expert Arkin argues that the digital revolution, combined with a reluctance to suffer casualties, is ushering in what military planners see as "perfect"--endless, casualty-free--warfare in this ingenious, if depressing, work... **Arkin makes worthwhile the effort of understanding both the extensive transformations modern militaries are experiencing and their far-from-perfect consequences.**" *Publisher's Weekly (Starred Review)*

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"If Bill Arkin doesn't know it, it isn't worth knowing." **Thomas E. Ricks, author of The Generals**

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