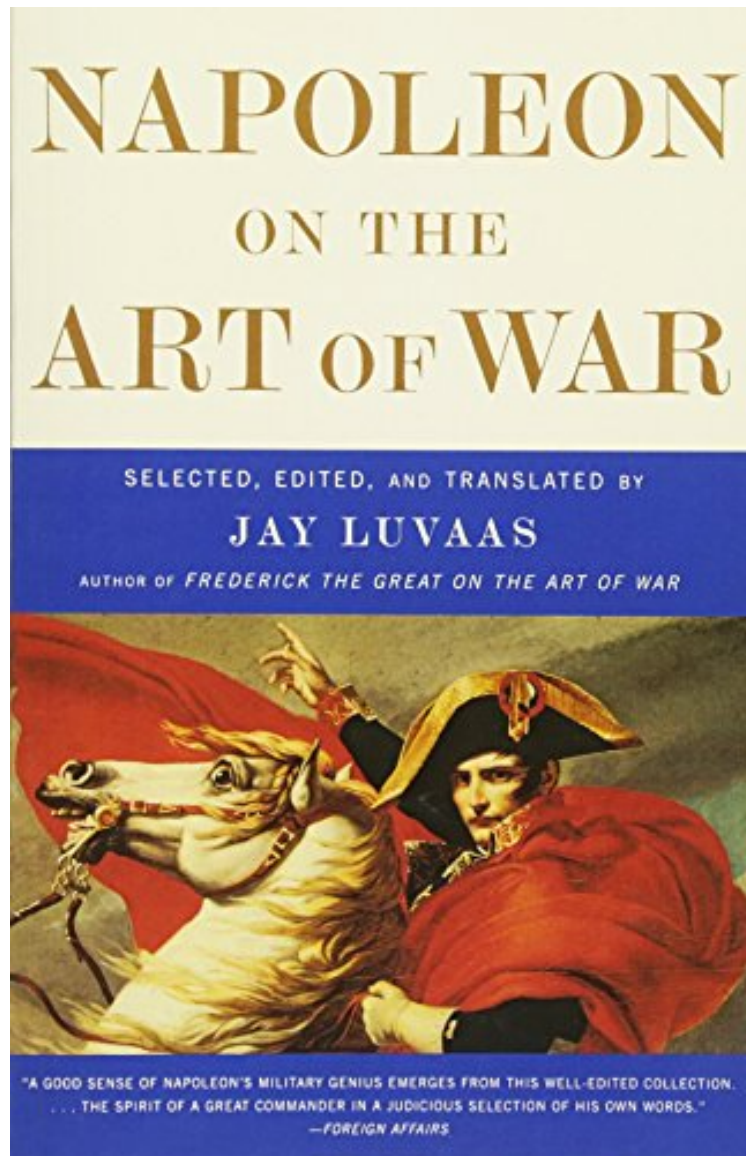


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conclusions on Napoleon's thought. This is not an easy thing to do. The greatest military commander of the modern age is a tough nut to crack. Nevertheless he does a decent job of mapping out Napoleon's thoughts on numerous different military topics. The book is not too long, but you will learn something about the art of Napoleon's military mind. I would suggest also reading "Napoleon's Military Maxims" by Chandler as well as this book to get a more in depth understanding. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. ... of War Book Review at Georgia State Pullen Library excellent purchase. By Conigliara A. Cooper Napoleon's art of War Book Review at Georgia State Pullen Library excellent purchase... 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fills a much needed gap By ModelBuilder Almost every great captain (Sun Tzu, de Saxe, de Villars, Frederick II, Clausewitz, Jomini, among others) have written one of three things: 1) A memoir, recounting their perceptions of battles and campaigns, 2) Guides, or textbooks concerning their beliefs on the principles of tactic, logistic, and strategy, or 3) A history, a detailed analysis of specific battles, campaigns, and marches, with descriptions of the different officers and generals they had to work with Napoleon, despite being (in my opinion) the greatest military and civil ruler of all time, never wrote any of these things (unless you refer to excerpts from his diaries, which was posthumously printed and never intended to be read, or his proclamations, which were mostly inflated propaganda). However, in many of his diary entries, travel journals, and personal letters to his brothers that he placed on the throne of European countries, or his trusted 26 Marechals de France, he left gold jackpots of wisdom which are of use today. Thus the excellent historian Jay Luvaas (who also wrote "Frederick the Great on the Art of War") spent over 30 years poring through Napoleon's correspondances, and cut and pasted them together to form what would seem like a continuous and fluent book, 100% written in Napoleon's own words. Genius! A must have, and a must read for all Napoleonic, or just military fans everywhere.

In the capstone work of his career, distinguished military historian Jay Luvaas brings together in one volume the military genius of Napoleon. Unlike Sun Tzu or Carl von Clausewitz, Napoleon never wrote a unified essay on his military philosophy. Yet, as one of the world's great strategists and tacticians, he sprinkled wisdom throughout his many and varied writings. Jay Luvaas spent over three decades poring through the thirty-two volumes of Napoleon's correspondence, carefully translating and editing all of his writings on the art of war, and arranging them into seamless essays. The resulting book captures the brilliant commander's thoughts on everything from the preparation of his forces to the organization, planning, and execution of his battles -- all buttressing Napoleon's view that "in war there is but one favorable moment; the great art is to seize it." Napoleon on the Art of War will be essential reading for military buffs, students of history, and any business leader looking for timeless insights on strategy.

From Library Journal Napoleon Bonaparte not only dominated Europe militarily for 20 years in the early 19th century but his concept of war and its right conduct has fascinated historians and guided military leaders for almost 200 years. Noted military historian Luvaas now presents a succinct volume of Napoleon's thoughts on the art of war as seen by the greatest soldier of his era. Luvaas has worked on this book for 30 years, translating and editing the 32 volumes of Napoleon's own writings and correspondence and offering in essay form the key elements of Napoleon's wisdom on war. Subjects include tactics, operational art, strategy, logistics, training, diplomacy, intelligence, leadership, combined arms, morale, and discipline. The best chapters are Napoleon's analysis of the "Great Captains" (Alexander, Caesar, Gustavus Adolphus, Frederick the Great) and his candid evaluations of his own French generals' strengths and weaknesses. This is a short, clear, and very readable treatise on the art of war, a much better product than 1998's dismal pretender, Napoleon: How To Make War by Yann Cloarec (Ediciones La Calavera). Luvaas's book is recommended for public, academic, and military libraries. A Col. William D. Bushnell, USMC (ret.), Brunswick, ME Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Whatever his political failings, Napoleon's reputation as a military genius remains undiminished. His broad strategies and battlefield tactics are still studied at military colleges around the world. Given his ignominious end in exile, it is understandable that Napoleon never penned his "definitive" memoirs. However, his genius is revealed in the massive volume of his personal letters and military correspondence. Luvaas, a military historian, has arranged Napoleon's essays and correspondence into a coherent exposition of his attitudes and beliefs regarding warfare. Napoleon reveals his great psychological insight, his mastery of organization, and his unceasing faith in an aggressive style of warfare. Perhaps inadvertently, he also reveals his egotism and belief in his own destiny, which would lead to his downfall. While military buffs will find special delight here, there is much in this work that can appeal to the well-informed general reader. Jay Freeman Foreign Affairs A good sense of Napoleon's military genius emerges from this well-edited collection....the spirit of a great commander in a judicious selection of his own words. Michael D. Hull ARMY Magazine This unprecedented volume is assured of study in every military school and by all serious readers of military history....Everyone with an interest in military history and the profession of arms will be indebted to Jay Luvaas for his superb work.