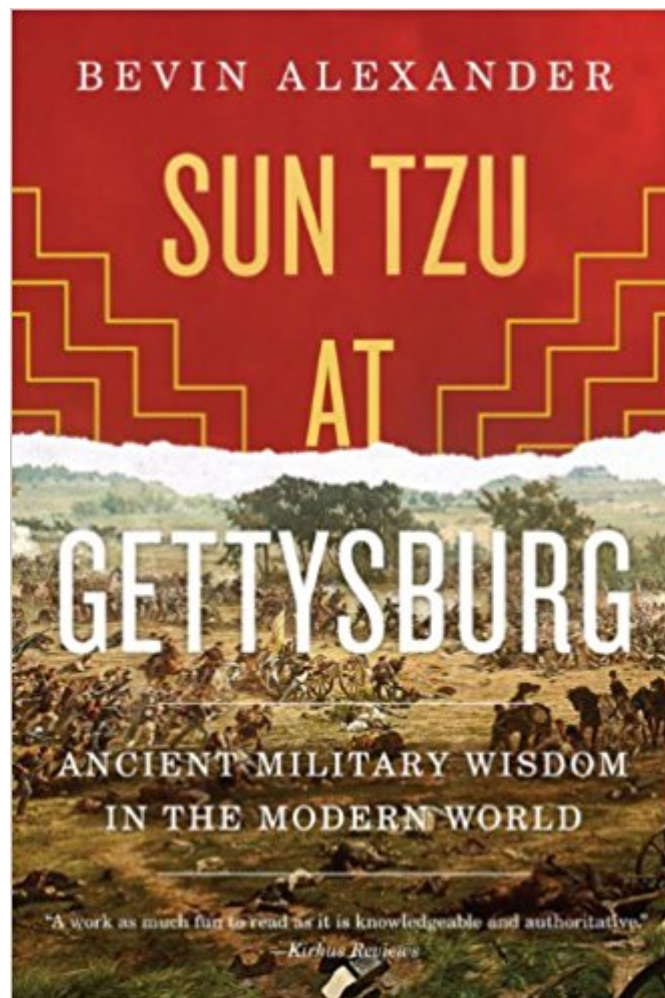




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Sun Tzu At Gettysburg: Ancient Military Wisdom In The Modern World



Synopsis

“The world’s most fascinating battles and how they were won or lost, according to the Chinese sage.” —Kirkus Reviews
Imagine if Robert E. Lee had withdrawn to higher ground at Gettysburg instead of sending Pickett uphill against the entrenched Union line. Or if Napoleon, at Waterloo, had avoided mistakes he’d never made before. The advice that would have changed these crucial battles was written down centuries before Christ was born—but unfortunately for Lee, Napoleon, and Hitler, Sun Tzu’s *The Art of War* only became widely available in the West in the mid-twentieth century. As Bevin Alexander shows, Sun Tzu’s maxims often boil down to common sense, in a particularly pure and clear form. When Alexander frames these modern battles against 2,400-year-old precepts, the degree of overlap is stunning.

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Customer Reviews

Mr. Alexander traces how Sun Tzu’s strategies were ignored or followed during various battles beginning with the American Revolution and ending with the U.S. Marine landing at Inchon, Korea.

Those generals that followed his principles of indirection won their battles. Those that bulldozed straight ahead believing that overwhelming strength always wins, suffered defeat. Mr. Alexander also sheds light on the rise and fall of such a notable figure as Napoleon. The Emperor/General(unknowingly) aligned himself with Sun Tzu's principles during his rise and in ignorance gave them short shrift during his defeats. The author also makes the argument that Eisenhower's appeasement of British General Montgomery(by splitting fuel between him and General Patton) caused the war in Europe to extend into the next year(at the expense of tens of thousands of additional casualties). The book is both informative and provocative. It gives rise to many what ifs about the modern world. Would the U.S. still be a member of Great Britain if King George or his Generals had access to Sun Tzu's stratagems? Would everyone in the United States now be speaking German if Hitler had a translation of the Chinese Generals principles on his desk? The book should be banned from sale to all would be dictators and wannabe rulers of the world. There are ample notes for any readers who wish to dig further.

A great book absolutely necessary to everyone interested about military history & strategy. All the work is very enjoyable but overall the chapters related to the american civil war & also the battle of Waterloo. Bevin demistified the figure of Robert Lee as a great comander & strategist -as usually a lot of people wrongly consider him- explaining with profuse details his incredible errors that depicted Lee as a modest general & that make the Confederacy definitely lost the war.Jorge

I enjoyed this book after I got past the beginning chapter or two. It started a little slow and uninteresting, but still very informative. The chapters on WWII and the Korean war were particularly interesting to me and showed me much I never knew.

I enjoy this kind of information, wish I had more time to read.

It makes the most persuasive case I've read yet for the strategic failures of a number of famous generals with inflated reputations and raises interesting speculation about the what-might-have-beens, had they understood and heeded Sun Tzu.

Title was misleading! There was only one chapter devoted to Sun Tzu and Gettysburg.

Read Bevin Alexander if you want to be successful on the battlefield or the boardroom!!

Military wisdom from the ages.

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