

## Security Warrior

The U.S. involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan has brought forth the issue of civilians at war. One of the most critical aspects is the proper control over this civilian component of the total force. This volume analyzes the need for mechanisms of control at numerous levels. The first level is the use of international laws and conventions. The second is the state-level legislation, regulation, and oversight mechanisms as developed and practiced by the United States, Canada, and Israel in the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and on the high seas. The third is the use of industry standards enforced by client oversight, evaluation, and satisfaction as mediated by the market as well as by industry trade associations. Lastly, the fourth is the level of the individual via contractor interactions with military personnel, and the inculcation of a professional identity that expresses itself in attitudes and norms of behavior that conform contractors behaviors to those of their military peers. The essays first examine mechanisms of control from the macro-to-micro spectrum of social organization, i.e., from international law to interpersonal interaction with contractors on the ground. Then they look across the domains of control: functional (what force capabilities are available), political (who decides when and how to use force), and social (norms and values). Altogether, the essays show that these various layers of formal and informal regulatory machinery are necessary, mutually reinforcing, yet still inadequate to the task at hand: controlling the corporate warrior."

"Silent Warriors: The Naval Security Group Reserve, 1945-2005, recounts a unique and untold story, that of Naval Reserve (NR) cryptologists - the professional term for codebreakers and codemakers. This has always been a small and select community, one little known to outsiders, and even less understood. Cryptologists have long constituted the most secretive fraternity in America's armed forces, and Naval Reservists permitted to enter the cryptologic ranks set sail on a journey that placed them apart from the rest of the Naval Reserve, and far apart from their civilian lives. For six decades, through the Cold War and into the age of terrorism, Naval Reserve cryptologists have stood the watch for the Navy and the nation. Yet the highly secretive nature of their work has rendered their service in defense of freedom almost unknown to the public. This volume aims to fill this knowledge gap by telling their story. The Naval Security Group Reserve is an exclusive club with tight lips, and few of its exploits are discussed openly. This work cannot tell the full story - that will have to wait decades until archives are opened and top secret operations are declassified - yet it strives to illuminate what it can, and render an account of Naval Reserve cryptology and its sailors that will be accurate and accessible to all who served in silence. A great many Naval Reserve shipmates helped with the production of this work, and without the contributions of Naval Security Group Reserve personnel, past and present, this volume would not have been possible.

Since 1993, the Information Security Management Handbook has served not only as an everyday reference for information security practitioners but also as an important document for conducting the intense review necessary to prepare for the Certified Information System Security Professional (CISSP) examination. Now completely revised and updated and in its fifth edition, the handbook maps the ten domains of the Information Security Common Body of Knowledge and provides a complete understanding of all the items in it. This is a ...must have... book, both for preparing for the CISSP exam and as a comprehensive, up-to-date reference.

When Carrie Nordsuitlaan's third husband dies, in a helicopter crash in the South African velt, she discovers he has sold their house to pay for his flying business. The only asset she has left in the world is a Piper Warrior aircraft, based in Florida. Carrie determines to learn to fly and go and fetch the plane, bringing it back to England where she is sure she will be able to sell it. However, as she soon discovers, while it is easy to learn to fly, it is not so easy to bring the single engine plane back across the Atlantic, so she hires a co-pilot, the notorious Irishman Kieran O'Toole, known for his dubious exploits. As the ill-matched pair travel up the Eastern Seaboard and into Greenland and Iceland in the small plane they discover that Captain Norduitlaan was not the man he seemed to his wife, that his business affairs were extremely dodgy and that she is in a lot more trouble than she realised. However, she also discovers a love of flying that changes her life.

The year is 2319. Lt. Comm Roy O'Hara leads his squadron against the enemy's latest Super Destroyer and is shot down over an unexplored planet. The planet holds secrets to a long lost alien weapon and the key to Roy's own destiny. Near death Roy is found by Katreena, a beautiful and mysterious woman. When she finds Roy, he's broken and battered, and saves his life with the Boto Stone. Yet she is unaware that by doing so she will create a deep bond and awaken an affect not seen for hundreds of years; the ability to communicate to each other in dreams. An unguarded moment leads to a forbidden night of intimacy; an act of betrayal to the crown, an act that will put both their lives in jeopardy. Katreena flees to save them both. Danger increases as their secret may be discovered and war erupts on their planet.

From the jungles of west Africa to the killing fields of the former Yugoslavia, wherever the next global hotspot flares into action, the private military waits, ready to step into the fray. Once they were known as "soldiers of fortune." Now, they call themselves "military advisors." The honourable history of soldiers-for-hire clashes with the modern distaste for "mercenaries." In this compelling and controversial new book, James Davis reveals the shadowy inside world of the multi-billion-dollar international security industry.

When it comes to network security, many users and administrators are running scared, and justifiably so. The sophistication of attacks against computer systems increases with each new Internet worm. What's the worst an attacker can do to you? You'd better find out, right? That's what Security Warrior teaches you. Based on the principle that the only way to defend yourself is to understand your attacker in depth, Security Warrior reveals how your systems can be attacked. Covering everything from reverse engineering to SQL attacks, and including topics like social engineering, antiforensics, and common attacks against UNIX and Windows systems, this book teaches you to know your enemy and how to be prepared to do battle. Security Warrior places particular emphasis on reverse engineering. RE is a fundamental skill for the administrator, who must be aware of all kinds of malware that can be installed on his machines -- trojaned binaries, "spyware" that looks innocuous but that sends private data back to its creator, and more. This is the only book to discuss reverse engineering for Linux or Windows CE. It's also the only book that shows you how SQL injection works, enabling you to inspect your database and web applications for vulnerability. Security Warrior is the most comprehensive and up-to-date book covering the art of computer war: attacks against computer systems and their defenses. It's often scary, and never comforting. If you're on the front lines, defending your site against

attackers, you need this book. On your shelf--and in your hands.

This revelatory history of the elusive National Security Council shows how staffers operating in the shadows have driven foreign policy clandestinely for decades. When Michael Flynn resigned in disgrace as the Trump administration's national security advisor the New York Times referred to the National Security Council as "the traditional center of management for a president's dealings with an uncertain world." Indeed, no institution or individual in the last seventy years has exerted more influence on the Oval Office or on the nation's wars than the NSC, yet until the explosive Trump presidency, few Americans could even name a member. With key analysis, John Gans traces the NSC's rise from a collection of administrative clerks in 1947 to what one recent commander-in-chief called the president's "personal band of warriors." A former Obama administration speechwriter, Gans weaves extensive archival research with dozens of news-making interviews to reveal the NSC's unmatched power, which has resulted in an escalation of hawkishness and polarization, both in Washington and the nation at large.

The war on drugs is a war on ordinary people. Using that premise, historian Richard Lawrence Miller analyzes America's drug war with passion seldom encountered in scholarly writing. Miller presents numerous examples of drug law enforcement gone amok, as police and courts threaten the happiness, property, and even lives of victims--some of whom are never charged with a drug crime, let alone convicted of one. Miller not only argues that criminal justice zealots are harming the democracy they are sworn to protect, but that authoritarians unfriendly to democracy are stoking public fear in order to convince citizens to relinquish traditional legal rights. Those are the very rights that thwart implementation of an agenda of social control through government power. Miller contends that an imaginary drug crisis has been manufactured by authoritarians in order to mask their war on democracy. He not only examines numerous civil rights sacrificed in the name of drugs, but demonstrates how their loss harms ordinary Americans in their everyday lives. Showing how the war on drug users fits into a destruction process that can lead to mass murder, Miller calls for an end to the war before it proceeds deeper into the destruction process. This is a book for anyone who wonders about the value of civil liberties, and for anyone who wonders why people seek to destroy their neighbors. Using voluminous examples of drug law enforcement victimizing blameless people, this book demonstrates how the loss of civil liberties in the name of drugs threatens law-abiding Americans at work and at home.

Identity theft has been steadily rising in recent years, and credit card data is one of the number one targets for identity theft. With a few pieces of key information. Organized crime has made malware development and computer networking attacks more professional and better defenses are necessary to protect against attack. The credit card industry established the PCI Data Security standards to provide a baseline expectancy for how vendors, or any entity that handles credit card transactions or data, should protect data to ensure it is not stolen or compromised. This book will provide the information that you need to understand the PCI Data Security standards and how to effectively implement security on the network infrastructure in order to be compliant with the credit card industry guidelines and protect sensitive and personally identifiable information. PCI Data Security standards apply to every company globally that processes or transmits credit card transaction data Information to develop and implement an effective security strategy to keep infrastructures compliant Well known authors have extensive information security backgrounds

This is the must-have book for a must-know field. Today, general security knowledge is mandatory, and, if you who need to understand the fundamentals, Computer Security Basics 2nd Edition is the book to consult. The new edition builds on the well-established principles developed in the original edition and thoroughly updates that core knowledge. For anyone involved with computer security, including security administrators, system administrators, developers, and IT managers, Computer Security Basics 2nd Edition offers a clear overview of the security concepts you need to know, including access controls, malicious software, security policy, cryptography, biometrics, as well as government regulations and standards. This handbook describes complicated concepts such as trusted systems, encryption, and mandatory access control in simple terms. It tells you what you need to know to understand the basics of computer security, and it will help you persuade your employees to practice safe computing. Topics include: Computer security concepts Security breaches, such as viruses and other malicious programs Access controls Security policy Web attacks Communications and network security Encryption Physical security and biometrics Wireless network security Computer security and requirements of the Orange Book OSI Model and TEMPEST

Only the most ruthless Marastin Dow are allowed to live, and Evetta and Hanine have murdered enough of their own to stay alive, but they desperately want a different life. When they meet two human brothers fighting for their lives, the sisters are in agreement: this alliance could be their only chance. Main Content: 82 (6x9) pages, 25,865 words Internationally acclaimed S.E. Smith presents a new action-packed story full of mystery and intrigue. Brimming with her signature humor, vivid landscapes, and beloved characters, this book is sure to be another fan favorite!

Who Killed The Warrior? Is a historical fiction and the story is about two ethnic tribes in Ghana, Africa who are intermarried and were once living together peacefully as one people with one common destiny until the love for power plunge them into unending tribal armed conflict. They have hence been fighting for more than two decades now over chieftaincy and women and children have been killed, innocent people lynched to death, and many people displaced. But the death of the warrior was the beginning of people. Who Killed The Warrior?

Once known for peacekeeping, Canada is becoming a militarized nation whose apostles—the New Warriors—are fighting to shift public opinion. New Warrior zealots seek to transform postwar Canada's central myth-symbols. Peaceable kingdom. Just society. Multicultural tolerance. Reasoned public debate. Their replacements? A warrior nation. Authoritarian leadership. Permanent political polarization. The tales cast a vivid light on a story that is crucial to Canada's future; yet they are also compelling history. Swashbuckling marauder William Stairs, the Royal Military College graduate who helped make the Congo safe for European pillage. Vimy Ridge veteran and Second World War general Tommy Burns, leader of the UN's first big peacekeeping operation, a soldier who would come to call imperialism 'the monster of the age.' Governor General John Buchan, a concentration camp developer and race theorist who is exalted in the Harper government's new Citizenship Guide. And that uniquely Canadian paradox, Lester Pearson. Warrior Nation is an essential read for those concerned by the relentless effort to conscript Canadian history.

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Follows teams of Juniper Networks engineers as they solve specific client problems related to new and emerging network platform architectures.

THE ECO-WARRIOR SERIES 4 Book Box Set. Sold individually for \$3.99, NOW all for stories in one book for \$5.99 Romance, action, mystery, magic and murder - four stand-alone contemporary novels that encompass multiple genres, each with a subplot that addresses important environmental issues. SAVING SPIRIT BEAR - What Price Success? Corporate Climber challenges Eco-Warrior to decide the fate of the rare and endangered Spirit Bear LOVING THE TERRORIST - Risking It All How far would you go to save a wild place you love? MAD MAGGIE - And the Wisdom of the Ancients Two passionate opponents are about to clash over the future of a grove of Ancient Old Growth Trees on a secluded island. Magic, mystery and madness against logic, cause and effect. Can love find a middle ground? FOREST - Love, Loss, Legend Lost gold, lost love and lost hope compels Matt to return home to a dying town on the edge of the Canadian wilderness. The forest is waiting.

A history of mercenaries explores the ways in which soldiers for hire have been an essential component of modern and privatized warfare in Iraq and Afghanistan, describing the myriad ways in which they are viewed in different parts of the world while offering insight into their lesser-known military activities.

The credit card industry established the PCI Data Security Standards to provide a minimum standard for how vendors should protect data to ensure it is not stolen by fraudsters. PCI Compliance, 3e, provides the information readers need to understand the current PCI Data Security standards, which have recently been updated to version 2.0, and how to effectively implement security within your company to be compliant with the credit card industry guidelines and protect sensitive and personally identifiable information. Security breaches continue to occur on a regular basis, affecting millions of customers and costing companies millions of dollars in fines and reparations. That doesn't include the effects such security breaches have on the reputation of the companies that suffer attacks. PCI Compliance, 3e, helps readers avoid costly breaches and inefficient compliance initiatives to keep their infrastructure secure. Provides a clear explanation of PCI Provides practical case studies, fraud studies, and analysis of PCI The first book to address version 2.0 updates to the PCI DSS, security strategy to keep your infrastructure PCI compliant

A philosophical exploration of the moral issues raised by the use of private military contractors and mercenaries in war.

Bill Connors USMC must extract a secret agent from North Korea without the North Koreans knowledge. He organizes a secret Marine Intelligence unit. Marine 'Gung Ho' is used throughout.

This book is an odyssey into the truth of leadership's nature and essence. Written for aspiring leaders, teachers of leaders, and followers, the aim is to practice awakening a leader's potential. The book mirrors and reflects the inner nature of the leadership journey. It is written in a contemplative style and uses dialogue to exercise a leader's will, intelligence, and spirit. The techniques taught in these chapters are dialogue, meditation, and contemplation. The author seeks to teach leaders how to exercise the power of will and the power of intelligence to make the kinetic chain of knowing, willing, and acting morally and intellectually strong. Reading this book serves as a leadership development exercise. This book is a teaching tool designed to demystify what takes place in the interior nature of a leader. It examines a leader's soul, as it is exercised and strengthened in preparation for the cardinal act of leading, and it analyzes the act of making practical judgments, an act that demands the cultivation of a discerning mind to see and know the truth to be acted upon. Based on a true story, these chapters are a reflection on the formation of a leader and a realization of twenty years of research. The author studies the question: What does it take to develop a leader? Deliberations on eight years of guiding leaders on moral and intellectual quests in search of true freedom are revealed.

The search for an ethic that is joyful and life-loving, yet politically and scientifically realistic, is at the root of Cuomo's recent philosophy.

The characteristic act of men at war is not killing. It is killing by committing shocking and unspeakable atrocities, when circumstances permit. What drives ordinary people into hatred, genocide, inhumanity and evil? What turns friends and neighbours against each other with such savagery? Where does such barbarity come from? This collection examines the anarchy, cruelty and overwhelming confusion of modern warfare. In particular it analyzes:  $\phi$  what happens when morality vanishes from the battlefield and why torture is endemic in modern warfare;  $\phi$  how human rights, in times of war, lose meaning as a set of principles;  $\phi$  whether official propaganda and enemy demonization make barbaric behaviour easier;  $\phi$  how we can develop cultures opposed to torture that damage the legitimacy of our societies. Through a wealth of case studies that have been carefully selected in terms of their themes, approaches and methodologies, this comprehensive volume provokes discussion and enhances understanding from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

Among the tests you perform on web applications, security testing is perhaps the most important, yet it's often the most neglected. The recipes in the Web Security Testing Cookbook demonstrate how developers and testers can check for the most common web security issues, while conducting unit tests, regression tests, or exploratory tests. Unlike ad hoc security assessments, these recipes are repeatable, concise, and systematic-perfect for integrating into your regular test suite. Recipes cover the basics from observing messages between clients and servers to multi-phase tests that script the login and execution of web application features. By the end of the book, you'll be able to build tests pinpointed at Ajax functions, as well as large multi-step tests for the usual suspects: cross-site scripting and injection attacks. This book helps you: Obtain, install, and configure useful-and free-security testing tools Understand how your application communicates with users, so you can better simulate attacks in your tests Choose from many different methods that simulate common attacks such as SQL injection, cross-site scripting, and manipulating hidden form fields Make your tests repeatable by using the scripts and examples in the recipes as starting points for automated tests Don't live in dread of the midnight phone call telling you that your site has been hacked. With Web Security Testing Cookbook and the free tools used in the book's examples, you can incorporate security coverage into your test suite, and sleep in peace.

While Israel has been fighting terrorism, dealing with active shooters and attacks on their installations for decades there is still no written text on protocols and modes of operation. This book will serve this

purpose for academic and training purposes as well as real world applications. This book will be a perfect reference guide for a law enforcement entity performing body guard duties, a special operations unit with an executive protection mission or a security firm providing static security. First there is a section dedicated to training, mindset, and warrior skills, then there is a section on how to actually carry out such security operations. This section of the book will serve as the operational doctrine for the security detail. The methods described will be those currently in use by the IDF, but they have never before been put down on paper and made available to be studied. Some of the covered topics will include: · The warrior mind set· The training course· Searching various objects, cars, people, and structures. · Roving security group· Convoy· Body guarding· Hostage scenarios In additionSuicide bomber take down· How to train a "security warrior" how to conduct installation security, VIP security procedures. · How to use vehicles· How to plan your operation and security detail. · How to check and interview people, how to search mail and suspicious objects. The book will explain to the reader how to build this type of unit and how to structure the training. Including some thoughts and philosophies on the subject of combat, what being a warrior really means, and about fighting terrorists in the urban environment.

If you are interested in a career in the security field, you owe it to yourself and your future clients to learn from the best. And there is no one better at turning out security professionals than someone who has been trained and tested in Israel. Israel is a proving ground for effective security. As a result, Israeli security training is the best in the world, bar none. In Israeli Security Warrior Training, Garret Machine shares the skills and knowledge he learned while in the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and later while serving as a security guard for the Israeli Ministry of Defense. This book is an instructional guide for various urban, tactical, and security operations, as well as building, managing, and training a security team. It includes combat-proven principles, techniques, and drills for turning out effective security professionals, including chapters on recognizing and defending against ambushes; undercover security; bomb threats; search guidelines for buildings, vehicles, and people; hostage-scenario protocols; combat shooting; tactical driving; physical fitness; trauma first aid; and much more. Israeli training turns out security warriors, not security agents. The distinction is in the skill set and the mindset of the warriors, a critical difference when lives are at stake.

God's Word is the strongest weapon in a believers's spiritual artillery. Quin Sherrer and Ruthanne Garlock, bestselling authors of A Woman's Guide to Spiritual Warfare, believe that when Christians use the Bible in intercession and warfare, they bind the power of the evil one and declare God's promises and victory for their lives and for those they love. In The Spiritual Warrior's Prayer Guide, they show the reader how to apply biblical promises to every area of life, whether in illness, financial trouble, depression, concern for wayward loved ones, unemployment or spiritual confusion.

A comprehensive overview of cutting-edge computer system and network security issues provides thorough coverage of software reverse engineering and explanations of how to use Bayesian analysis to implement intrusion detection systems, with step-by-step instructions on how to detect access points on a network, configure honeynets, and master computer forensics. Original. (Advanced)

Logging and Log Management: The Authoritative Guide to Understanding the Concepts Surrounding Logging and Log Management introduces information technology professionals to the basic concepts of logging and log management. It provides tools and techniques to analyze log data and detect malicious activity. The book consists of 22 chapters that cover the basics of log data; log data sources; log storage technologies; a case study on how syslog-ng is deployed in a real environment for log collection; covert logging; planning and preparing for the analysis log data; simple analysis techniques; and tools and techniques for reviewing logs for potential problems. The book also discusses statistical analysis; log data mining; visualizing log data; logging laws and logging mistakes; open source and commercial toolsets for log data collection and analysis; log management procedures; and attacks against logging systems. In addition, the book addresses logging for programmers; logging and compliance with regulations and policies; planning for log analysis system deployment; cloud logging; and the future of log standards, logging, and log analysis. This book was written for anyone interested in learning more about logging and log management. These include systems administrators, junior security engineers, application developers, and managers. Comprehensive coverage of log management including analysis, visualization, reporting and more Includes information on different uses for logs -- from system operations to regulatory compliance Features case Studies on syslog-ng and actual real-world situations where logs came in handy in incident response Provides practical guidance in the areas of report, log analysis system selection, planning a log analysis system and log data normalization and correlation

Here is a concise and user-friendly presentation of the ancient Chinese principles of leadership and strategy in the words of the masters themselves. Thomas Cleary has put together this collection of gems of wisdom from six of the great classics, including excerpts from his best-selling translation of The Art of War and other lesser-known but insightful texts.

Ronan Security was born from the heart of a man who has a warrior's heart, has served and protected his country for years, but couldn't save his own sister from an abusive, sadistic monster when they were just teenagers. Owner Axel Ronan, an ex-Navy SEAL, created a security company that could help to ensure the safety and well-being of women and children, regardless of their circumstances. Hiring only the best and most courageous of men and women to be security specialists and bodyguards, RS leaves nothing to chance in protecting the most vulnerable. In Blue's Warrior, the first installment (Book 1) of the Ronan Security Series, we meet the head of Ronan Security, Axel "X" Ronan. As an ex-Navy SEAL, Axel is used to commanding and being obeyed. Having his security business based out of Atlanta, where he grew up, gives X and his team the low-key personas that they need to carry out their missions. Axel never wants to see another person hurt like his sister did when they were teenagers, so he made it is vow to protect the vulnerable, whatever it took. But in losing part of himself when his twin was killed, Axel has also closed off his heart to being hurt again. He loves women, all types, and doesn't mind that people think he's a serial dater. He won't settle down for any woman, much to his mama's dismay. But that was before she entered his office building. Blue Thompson never considered what she was getting herself into when she went looking for a job at Ronan Security. Being the office manager wasn't a difficult job, but being around pure male hotness every day, made it much harder to concentrate. With one of those hot males being her boss, Axel Ronan, it made it almost impossible. Blue had a crush on her boss a mile wide, but she knew nothing could ever come from it. Besides, Blue didn't know if she could ever deal with opening her heart to anyone, even if Axel was interested. Blue held a secret, one that she tried to push from memory as much as she could. Only now, it seems that secret may have come back to haunt her and put her in danger. Can Axel and his team be able to protect her from the threat? And can Blue continue to protect her heart from Axel conquering it? \*Blue's Warrior is the first book in the Ronan Security Series. This book is a stand-alone story, but readers are encouraged to read the entire series for deeper content into other book characters. No cliff hanger of the hero and heroine and a HEA is guaranteed.

What should military warriors do in peacetime? Such was the theme of an international conference at the Inter-American Defense College in 1992 which brought together diplomats, military officials and distinguished academics to discuss the purpose of military institutions in Latin America in the new world order. The most important message of this book is that the order has by no means eliminated the need for armed forces.

Traces the activities of the Army Security Agency and its members during the Vietnam war.

Some have claimed that War is too important to be left to the generals, but P. W. Singer asks What about the business executives? Breaking out of the guns-for-hire mold of traditional mercenaries, corporations now sell skills and services that until recently only state militaries possessed. Their products range from trained commando teams to

strategic advice from generals. This new Privatized Military Industry encompasses hundreds of companies, thousands of employees, and billions of dollars in revenue. Whether as proxies or suppliers, such firms have participated in wars in Africa, Asia, the Balkans, and Latin America. More recently, they have become a key element in U.S. military operations. Private corporations working for profit now sway the course of national and international conflict, but the consequences have been little explored. In this book, Singer provides the first account of the military services industry and its broader implications. *Corporate Warriors* includes a description of how the business works, as well as portraits of each of the basic types of companies: military providers that offer troops for tactical operations; military consultants that supply expert advice and training; and military support companies that sell logistics, intelligence, and engineering. In an updated edition of P. W. Singer's classic account of the military services industry and its broader implications, the author describes the continuing importance of that industry in the Iraq War. This conflict has amply borne out Singer's argument that the privatization of warfare allows startling new capabilities and efficiencies in the ways that war is carried out. At the same time, however, Singer finds that the introduction of the profit motive onto the battlefield raises troubling questions--for democracy, for ethics, for management, for human rights, and for national security.

Software is the essential enabler for the new economy and science. It creates new markets and new directions for a more reliable, flexible, and robust society. It empowers the exploration of our world in ever more depth. However, software often falls short behind our expectations. Current software methodologies, tools, and techniques remain expensive and not yet reliable for a highly changeable and evolutionary market. Many approaches have been proven only as case-by-case oriented methods. This book presents a number of new trends and theories in the direction in which we believe software science and engineering may develop to transform the role of software and science in tomorrow's information society. This publication is an attempt to capture the essence of a new state of art in software science and its supporting technology. It also aims at identifying the challenges such a technology has to master.

This timely, well-organized, and practical guide for the warfighter offers the collaborative contributions of dedicated military and civilian experts. Each chapter examines specific demands of military life and service, such as nutrition and its role in physical and cognitive performance, including details about military rations like Meals Ready to Eat (MREs). It also explores sleep: why you need it, how much you need, what happens when you are deprived of it, and how to recognize deprivation's effects. The authors also discuss various aspects of stress: what it is, what its effects are on your body and mind, and how to recognize it, prevent it, and handle it. The book devotes an extensive discussion to hardiness and resilience, focusing on preparing yourself and your family and friends for stressful military deployments in order to avoid or minimize their associated pressures. Finally, the authors address common problems experienced after a deployment and offer tips on how to make your transition back home as smooth as possible for yourself and your family. In each case, the expert contributors have emphasized specific skills, strategies, behavior, and support measures that you can apply to benefit your own overall psychological health, performance, and longevity.

An ancient knot entangling her in magic. A driven leader intent on controlling a curse. A disgruntled slave unwilling to bow to a goddess. Needing to suck up to her parents, spoiled boarding school student Cleo Carruthers decides to make an effort and attend classes. Except the teachers can't see her. The Knot of Uset has woven a web around her and she's become truly invisible. A slave to Queen Cleopatra in a previous life, Warrior Antony refuses to serve anyone. But when a modern-day goddess demands his help, he can't say no. Saving the world must take precedence over his wishes, until his desires get tied in a knot by Cleo. Trapped in a strange world, together the two teens must secure the magic of the knot and become unbound from the relic's powers. But they are being hunted by those who want them to disappear. Permanently. Will sacrificing themselves be enough to save both their worlds? "The climax was absolutely superb...this is a series you are going to love." – Cashmere (Originally published as *Cleo's Curse*) Other books in the series: *Warrior's Destiny*, *Warrior's Chaos*, *Warrior's Prophecy*

The 2001 Report of the Commission to Assess United States National Security Space Management and Organization recommended that U.S. efforts in national security space be elevated to the highest national security priority. With more focused high-level attention on national security space decisions a measure that captures and quantifies the value of space capabilities to combat operations professionals is desired. This thesis models what the air warriors desire from space assets in combat. A Value-Focused Thinking (VFT) approach was used to elicit values from air combat experts with operational experience. An initial Gold Standard value model was constructed and validated by air combat experts with recent experience in joint air operations. The strategic objective Leverage National Security Space Capabilities to Enhance Air Combat Operations was decomposed into values which were structured into a hierarchy. Measures and value functions were identified for the bottom-tier values which were weighted locally to assess their relative importance. The research identified measures of merit with thresholds beneath which value at higher levels is eliminated resulting in a multiplicative value function using indicator variables. An additional result is the separation of communication and navigation measures into pre-flight and in- fight components which has not been documented in previous literature.

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