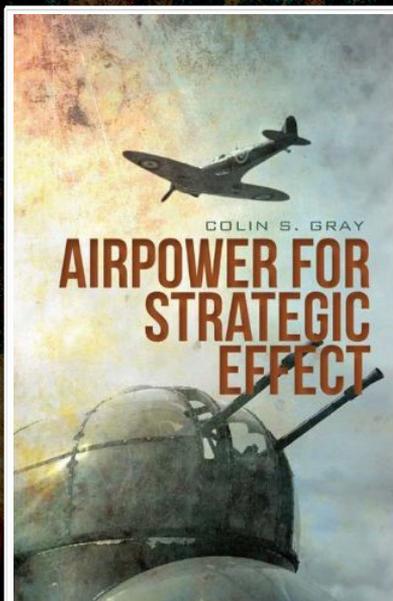


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Gray rethinks airpower's strategic history and its general strategic theory in light of the information he has provided, concluding with a look at the relationship between theory and current, practical issues. The history of airpower might be full of strategic successes, yet like every other type of military power, it can be misused. Gray's study marks a major effort to improve our grasp of airpower's strategic potential within different political, cultural, military-strategic, and technological contexts.



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