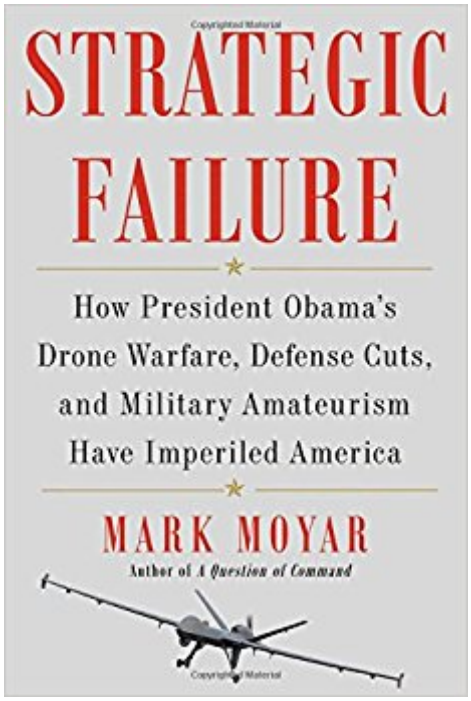
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Synopsis

A distinguished historian with over a decade inside the US Department of Defense shows how the downsizing of our armed forces lowers the nationÃ¢â ¬â„¢s defense and puts us at risk.In this stunningly detailed account of US military power in the Obama era, Mark Moyar reveals how ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s military decisions have led to the international catastrophes of his second term. While our current downward spiral did not grab the attention of the American people until 2014, Moyar finds its roots in ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s first-term decisions to shrink the US military and replace large overseas military commitments with Ã¢â ¬Å“light footprints.Ã¢â ¬Â• ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s preoccupation with his political self-interest has consistently trumped the national interest. Moyar documents how Obama has failed to deliver on his substitutes for military power. Cutting through the chaff of partisan bickering with penetrating analysis, he homes in on the events and personalities driving failures across the globe. Moyar illustrates how ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s policies led to the rise of ISIS, and how conditions are primed for future cataclysms. He shows how the killing of the US ambassador at Benghazi was the result of a light-footprint approach in Libya, and reveals the problems stemming from our reliance on drone strikes. The ongoing military drawdown and international perceptions of ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s passivity have heightened the risks to America from her enemies. Drawing upon the lessons of ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s presidency, Moyar concludes by identifying a better way for US national security in the twenty-first century. Strategic Failure is a timely and fascinating opening salvo in the looming 2016 showdown between Republican and Democratic presidential contenders.

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"The market for book-length critiques of Mr. ObamaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s foreign policy is saturated, but Mr. MoyarÃ¢â ¬â„¢s effort is distinguished by his measured tone, analytic sobriety and scholarly approach....[Mark Moyar] is one of our ablest strategic thinkers, and he has a gift for letting the facts speak for themselvesÃ¢â ¬â •or rather, drop like hammer blows." (The Wall Street Journal)"Thankfully for the current Republican presidential candidates...Mark MoyarÃ¢â ¬â„¢s new book provides a compendium of the national-security facts and a rational, if pointed, analysis of how those facts add up to a picture of American strategic decline...Moyar has a blueprint for them, if they want it." (National Review)Ã¢â ¬Å“Strategic Failure is an extraordinary read for anyone who cares about the future of the United States of America. It depicts a near complete free fall of President Obama, who failed to rally the American people to win during a period of world history that may go down as one of the most complex, chaotic times in the last fifty years. Strategic Failure explains how and why it all has come to pass.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Lieutenant General Michael T. FLynn, USA (Ret.), former director of the Defense Intelligence Agency)Ã¢â ¬Å“Strategic Failure is an iron-clad indictment of the Obama national security policy. This book will serve as an invaluable resource for future generations of public servants, national security enthusiasts and concerned Americans.Ã¢â ¬Â• (Pete Hegseth, CEO of Concerned Veterans for America and FOX News contributor)

Mark Moyar, a distinguished historian and expert on US national security, has served as a consultant to the senior leadership of US Special Operations Command, US Central Command, and the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. His previous books include A Question of Command: Counterinsurgency from the Civil War to Iraq and Triumph Forsaken: The Vietnam War, 1954Ã¢â ¬â œ1965. Visit MarkMoyar.com.

Regardless of one’s opinion of the Obama administration’s management of US defense policy, this book is well worth the time to read; perhaps more so if one doesn’t have an opinion on the matter. As the title implies, Mark Moyar is critical of Mr. Obama’s policies, but as a well-regarded expert in the area of national security, his opinion is well worth considering. I think his analysis of the limitations of the use of drones in place of troops on the ground or manned aircraft offensive force is exceptionally good. His contention that Obama administration defense policy is too heavily driven by domestic political considerations and made too often by White House staffers with little or no

background in defense matters is consistent with what former advisors with presumably no axe to grind (e.g., Robert Gates and Leon Panetta, to name two) have written. Those who are favorably inclined towards Mr. Obama might find Moyar's opinions as to what motivates Obama's decisions somewhat biased, but that's up to the reader to discern.Overall, I found this book well researched and well written. It's not the easiest of reads, but it's also not the easiest of subjects. If I had to pick one area covered by the book that I would have liked to see discussed in greater depth, it would be the general inability of our "coalition partners" to provide a substantial contribution to any joint military efforts. In its relatively brief handling of this subject, Moyar explains that most of our assumed partners have neither the desire nor military capacity to participate in any joint effort beyond some minor symbolic effort. Given that much of the current administration's strategy relies on having others "step up" and assume more of the military burden where there is a common interest, whether this assumption is even plausible is a question well worth probing.

"Strategic Failure" is the latest book by well-know military historian Mark Moyar. The bookÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s subtitle clearly identifies the authorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s premise and principal theme: ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“How President ObamaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s Drone Warfare, Defense Cuts, and Military Amateurism Have Imperiled America.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• It is axiomatic that most US presidents come into office with a well-established domestic agenda only to realize rather quickly that foreign affairs are where more momentous decision making is required. So it was/is with President Obama. "Strategic Failure" documents, country by country and event after event, what the author considers critical failures that have been, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“leading the country and the world toward disaster.Significantly many of ObamaÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s actions have been taken purely for political reasons. The slick packaging of Candidate Obama by David Axelrod (Petraeus called Axelrod a complete spin doctor) led Americans to believe they had the real deal in Obama. And so they elected him ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ not once but twice. Even today, his actions are calculated to make him look good. He is known to have said to Secretary Gates, ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“My poll numbers will be stronger if I take issue with the military over Afghanistan Policy.ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• Strategic Failure is a bold and accurate portrayal of the gross failures of the Obama administration in international affairs. The US and the free world are bearing the cost of these failures. A clear example of this price is the problem of ISIS.If one had not lived through the Obama years and observed it all taking place, one might conclude that Moyar grossly overstates the case against our lead-from-behind president. However, when youÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢ve seen it, you have to believe.Anti-Obama readers will read this book and feel vindicated in their position; Pro-Obama

people should read it and get a good picture of the sort of the Un-leader they've been supporting.

Expert analysis of the most vital issues facing the USA and world.Every word of this book is eye-opening and rings true.The author is what is known in DC parlance as a SME...subject matter expert.Because we had a home in N Va for the past decade, I had heard bits and pieces of this from current officers and retired officers who were working in civilian positions with the government or government-contractors. But the comprehensive and careful analysis in this book was jaw-dropping.Please read this book and wake-up.

Well documented , the author goes step by step throughout the world to demonstrate the fallacy of the pseudo strategy of an inept president. Obviously overly concerned about national polls, he has failed to lead, and demonstrated numerous times the failures of a light footprint, and the limitations of over reliance on drones. We need a forthright leader who has the moral fiber to work for a strong world peace, rather than allow the world to drift towards chaotic violence

Mark Moyar (author of TRIUMPH FORSAKEN) has written another book about American foreign policy that will stand the test of time.Mr. Moyar describes the administration's reluctance to engage the difficult policy issues, a reluctance that will damage American interests and security for decades.My only criticism is that Mr. Moyar has used his time and efforts to write about current issues. When will the second Viet Nam volume be published?

Others before me have captured the essence of this book, a well researched and well documented book. It is so well detailed and annotated with specifics that it could easily be summarized in a Power Point presentation or even formatted in a spreadsheet layout. When you see a composite of the failures ascribed to the various countries and instances, the bleak picture is even more depressing. Leading from behind leads to being left behind as other world leaders consolidate power and influence.

Read the review in the Wall Street Journal...purchased the book...Mark Moyar is right on "target"...recommended reading to see and understand while we as a country, are going down hill as a world influential power...No guts, no glory with the present White House occupants...time for a change.

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