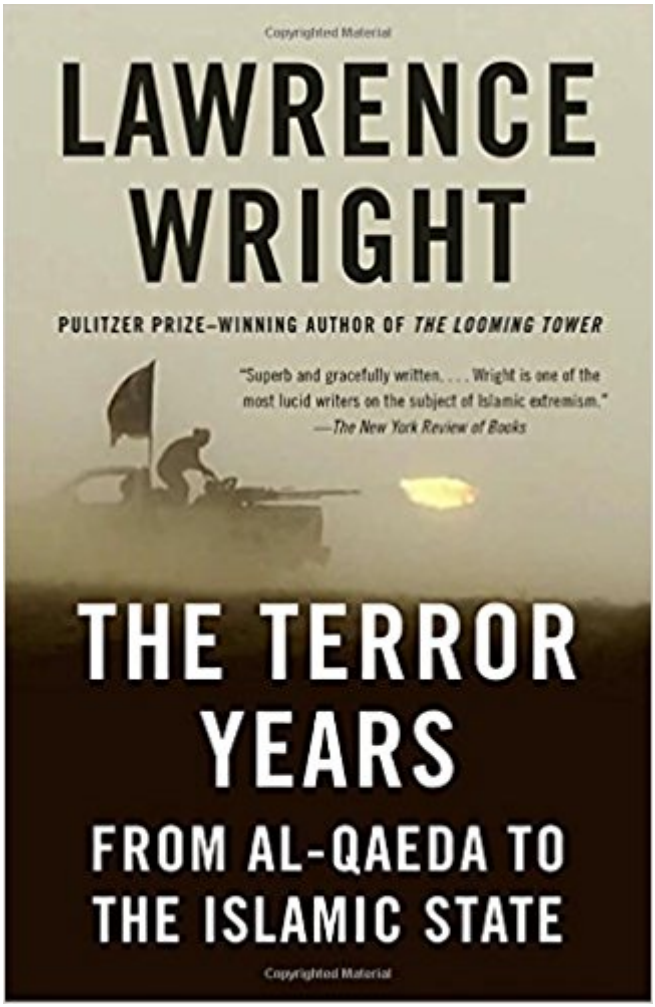
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A highly readable and excellent overview of the years of terror that have affected our world. Great as both a primer and a clarifier.

Worth the read. Was expecting an in depth book but this is a collection of the authors essays.

excellent

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