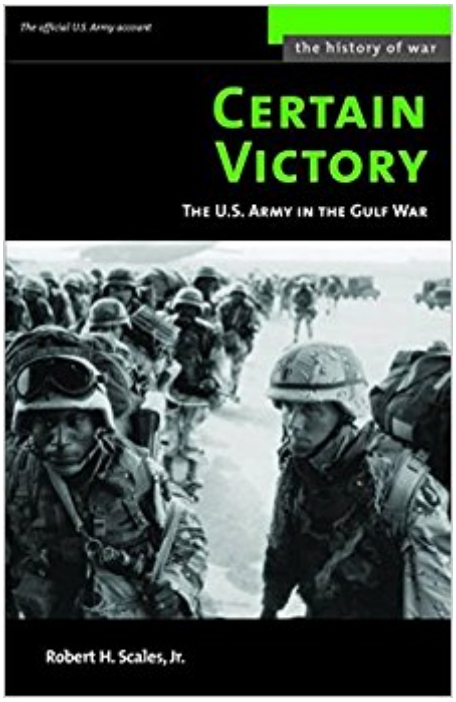
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This book was required reading for a class I took on the Gulf War. It has a lot of good information written in an easy to understand format. It begins with a brief history of the U.S. military since Vietnam and explains the evolution in training, equipment, and doctrine since Vietnam.The book also keeps you entertained with accounts of different battles at the begining of each chapter. This is a good book for those interested in getting a history of the Gulf War from the perspective of the US Army.

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Gen Scales deliveres the good in his book "Certain Victory". It is a first rate first class book on Desert Storm and all it flaws and back round histroy needed to give the ready a 100% understanding of the war .

Scales’ book holds very true to it’s title: The U.S. Army in the Gulf War. The contributions of other services are analyzed (and criticized) only in relation to their support of the US Army. I think anyone studying the Gulf War should read this book, but should also supplement it with other works.

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