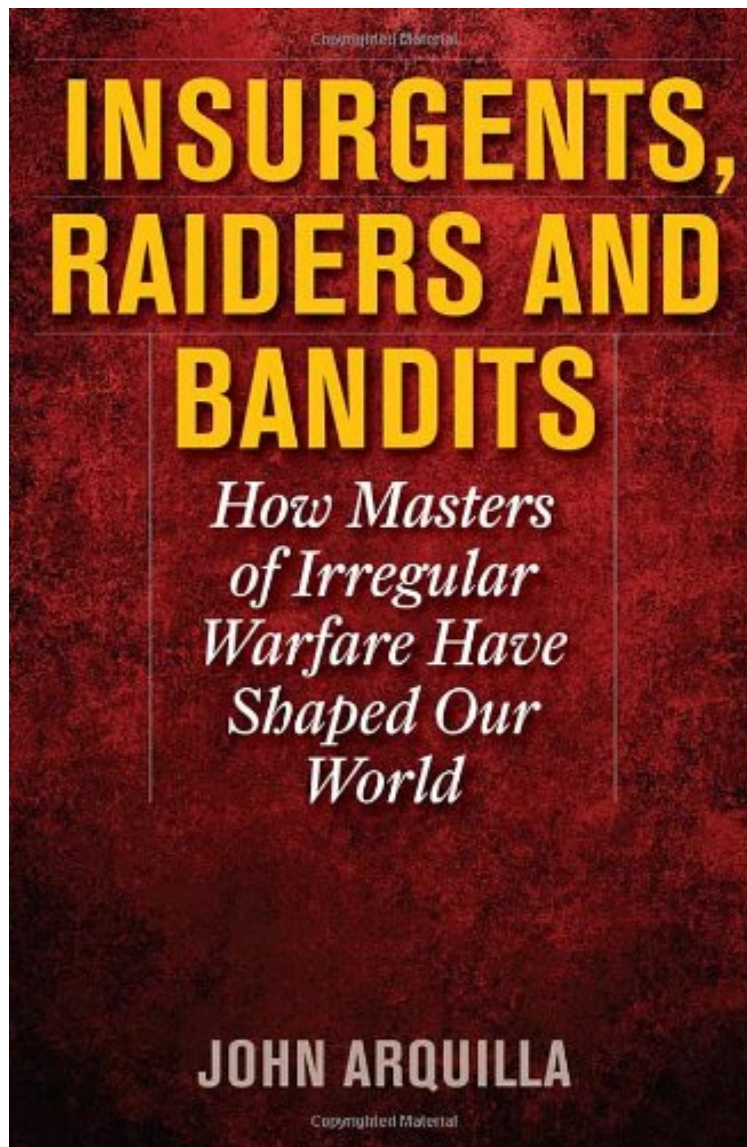


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7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Strategy Tactics - "Outside the Box" By T.A.L. Dozer I really like the whole concept behind this book. It gives a general biographical sketch and contributions of various "masters" of unconventional and asymmetrical warfare; enlightening the read on how they have affected modern warfare. The author does an excellent job at making this a very interesting read for the uninitiated to irregular warfare, military strategy and history. The book covers 18 personalities from Rogers of Rogers Rangers to the partisan leader Tito. One chapter in particular, I really enjoyed was on General Sir Frank Edward Kitson British Army officer and writer on military subjects, notably "Low Intensity Operations: Subversion, Insurgency, Peace-Keeping" and the classic "Gangs and Counter-Gangs" about the development and employment of pseudo-operations. The chapter provided an excellent overview of his contributions to the British counter-insurgency strategies. Kitson is accredited as being the father of "modern" pseudo-operations; the employment of turned terrorist/insurgents, conducting mirror image operations against their former comrades (AKA false flag operations). These same tactics were made famous by the Rhodesian Selous Scouts during the Rhodesian Bush War. Overall I recommend this book to junior military personnel and military history enthusiasts. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By A. Feliciano This is a book for our time. The United States, is presently involved in combatting terrorist groups in the middle east. The book covers, samples of, small scale conflicts and the personalities that lead those conflicts. The book makes the point, that small scale conflicts have had strategic impacts in effecting the outcome of those conflicts. This book should be read, especially by policy makers. It will give them some insights as to what is really going to be required to truly "contain" insurgents and terrorists. This book should be required reading for all involved in "small scale" conflicts. Not, only for those who plan and execute the missions. But, citizens in general, to understand the difficulty involved in "winning" those conflicts. Great book !! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sure By Dan Cox I never used the book. Im glad I paid for something my professor never had me read. Im sure its good though??

From the small bands of wilderness warriors who battled in 18th-century North America to the "Chechen Lion," and the contemporary conflict in Chechnya, John Arquilla chronicles the deadly careers of the greatest masters of irregular warfare over the past 250 years. Their impact on events has been profound, with irregulars playing crucial roles in such epochal struggles as the Anglo-French duel for North America, the defeat of Napoleon in Spain and Russia, the American Civil War, both world wars, and the current era of terrorism. Seeing the world through the eyes of guerrillas, raiders and bandits, Arquilla has written an alternative history that provides lessons for warfare in our time that must not be ignored.

John Arquilla brings to life the accomplishments of "great captains" in irregular warfare, using comparative history, biography, shrewd policy analysis and an uncommon appreciation for military strategy. The case studies and other analyses show that masters of unconventional warfare share common traits, including steadfastness in the face of adversity, adaptive personalities, and the effective use of "modern" means of warfare suitable for small formations, such as swarming and decentralized command. This book is highly recommended for military professionals, teachers and students of national security policy, and others who are intellectually engaged with the problem of irregular warfare in the past and present. (Stephen J. Cimbala, Pennsylvania State University) I've read dozens of books on irregular warfare and John Arquilla's *Insurgents, Raiders, and Bandits* is among the most fascinating, readable and informative. As long on swashbuckling as it is on military savvy, *Insurgents* is a Plutarch's *Lives* of renegades, cutthroats and outlaws. From brilliant behind-the-lines fighters like Nathan Bedford Forrest, Orde Wingate and T. E. Lawrence to full-scale heroes of national liberation like Josip Broz (Tito) and Vo Nguyen Giap, the unconventional warriors of Mr. Arquilla's narrative demonstrate again and again how outgunned and outnumbered forces can prevail against an overpowering conventional enemy. This is the present, and it's the future. We need to understand it. Mr. Arquilla's important book sets insurgent and irregular warfare within a telling historical context as his narrative unfolds over the centuries from one Bad Boy to the next. Not just for mil/pol addicts, *Insurgents* belongs on your shelf and mine. Terrific! (Steven Pressfield, author of *Gates of Fire* and *The Afghan Campaign*) Arquilla, of the Naval Postgraduate School, is internationally recognized as a military historian, a defense analyst, and a security policy consultant. He brings all three skills to bear in this comprehensively researched and accessible treatment of a neglected subject: "the great captains of irregular warfare." He offers 18 convincing examples, irregular leaders and their successfully unconventional opponents, like George Crook, who took on powerful insurgent Indian leaders. The battles took place in locations ranging from the wilderness frontier of the French and Indian War to contemporary Chechnya. Rather than using a comparative approach, Arquilla establishes each protagonist in a distinct context. Nathanael Greene combined conventional and irregular methods to frustrate a superior British enemy during the American Revolution. Giuseppe Garibaldi mobilized insurgents to put his stamp on an independent Italy. Vo Nguyen Giap, a schoolteacher turned general, excelled at using his adversaries' strengths against them. Phoolan Devi, the only woman on Arquilla's list, was a social bandit and accomplished guerrilla who for years eluded India's soldiers and police. What they and their counterparts shared were resilience in adversity, flexibility in approach, and ruthlessness in execution. Arquilla says that irregular war has a single law: win. The author concludes that irregular leaders can be

defeated but victory's costs and demands are high. (Publishers Weekly) Insurgents, Raiders, and Bandits is a great overview of irregular warfare for the student, academic, and lay reader. Arquilla adds to his academic muscle with an enjoyable work that reads less like history and more like an adventure story. (New York Journal of Books) John Arquilla...presents a fascinating history....More than just a battle study, this book shows how these masters of unconventional warfare shared common characteristics, such as an acute appreciation for strategy and policy, adaptive leadership, and tactical innovation. What these fighters accomplished with small, scattered forces against powerful conventional armies is remarkable. Best are Arquilla's astute analyses of how conventional forces adapted to combat irregular warfare. (Military Officer) An informative, enjoyable study. (Military ) About the Author John Arquilla professor of defense analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School and the author of Worst Enemy: The Reluctant Transformation of the American Military, was recently named one of the world's Top 100 Thinkers by Foreign Policy magazine. He resides in Monterey, California.