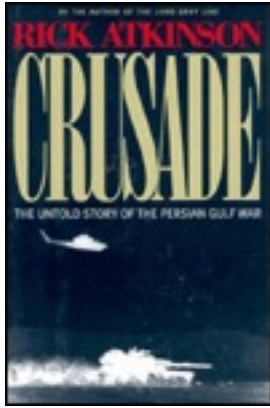


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## Description

Though it lasted only 42 days, the Persian Gulf War transformed the nature of modern warfare. The author of the bestselling *Long Gray Line* interviewed over 500 participants to compile this behind-the-scenes account of the conflict, weaving individual stories into a larger narrative.

## Insightful reviews

Daphne Redd: This was my first Rick Atkinson book to read. I was with the 1st Infantry Division in the war and was on the breach operations with an Engineer Corps Combat Battalion. I was the battalion intelligence officer. I found the book to be detailed enough about the major battles, the air, and naval campaign to give the reader a wonderful review of the conflict. I enjoy reading the about the command and control network and but was appalled by the behavior of Gen. Swartzkoft. "Amateurs study tactics, professionals study logistics" so the old saying goes. For this the book falls short of telling the whole story. What was not mentioned or covered was the Herculean effort by Gen. William Gus Pagonis and the Supply side of the war. The effort it took to coordinate arrival of troops, material and supplies was unbelievable. It was disappointing that Atkinson never mentions that aspect of the war and it is what allowed the soldiers, sailors and airmen to do their job successfully. Logistics "won" the war. The Modern US Army is a hungry beast and its equipment is even hungrier. Success would not have occurred if it was not for the national planning for war, people like Gen Pagonis, and the thousands of the untold heroes of Logistics. The book also falls short of having adequate maps to support the detail accounts of the battle and positioning of the Armies. The book leaves out the efforts of the Arab Colition and their marvelous contribution to the conflict. They took on the dense defenses in Kuwait as well. I do recommend the book as a great overview of the Gulf Conflict, but it falls short of telling the whole story. Although it disheartened me, the conclusion section, was dead on as when I returned to the CentCom area after a brief period in Europe the story was the same. Thank you Rick for being honest about the end results.

Sam: I thought parts of it were interesting, but too much of it was boring. Too many detailed accounts of battles for my taste. Since it was written soon after the war the perspective is pretty limited, and it is all told from the viewpoint of the U.S. military. It would have been nice to hear something from the perspective of the Iraqis or other parts of the world.

Adil Ehsan: Well written and up to a great standard of making a complex military history accessible to everyone this is another fine effort by Rick Atkinson. While it lacks the sweeping drama of the Liberation Trilogy this is more fun to the mature if the First Gulf War be. The writing itself. What I like best about Atkinson though is how he creates a narrative out of the history, a story with heroes and villains while giving a nuanced balanced history with plenty of facts and details. That is no mean feat and marks him as a great author as well as historian.

I suppose the biggest question one can have reading this us the looming shadow of knowing there will be a Gulf War 2 with very different consequences and repercussions. There is something huge sense if irony also in seeing many of the same faces such as Colin Powell, Dick Cheney and Paul Wolfowitz ( all under Bush Jr.) return to finish Saddam but monumentally

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mismanagement the effort. You can't help but walk away with 2 thoughts....First that Atkinson really needs to a foreword to this book and re-release it and second, there should be just as masterful a sequel covering the second Gulf War by him.

Matt Fernwalt: This publication provides an perception into the 1st Persian Gulf battle and the liberation of Kuwait. the elemental tactical judgements are all discussed, however the writer additionally addresses the wider concerns similar to the real effectiveness of the air war. The booklet discusses borderline questionable strategies utilized by the United States.

Dave: first-class writing, as is normal of all of Rick Atkinson's books. i used to be shocked how a lot of the Gulf struggle got here again to me even after 20 years. demanding to believe--the Gulf battle was once two decades ago! hugely suggest this book!!

Keith Lovell: total first-class details resource purely Gulf War. but the cosmos switching from lively operation to the operational making plans facet and the political motivation at the back of choice was once a bit of complicated this made for a a bit disjointed learn at times.

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