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War Is A Lie



Synopsis

War Is A Lie is a thorough refutation of every major argument used to justify wars, drawing on evidence from numerous past wars, with a focus on those that have been most widely defended as just and good. This is a handbook of sorts, an engaging, always informative manual that can be used to debunk future lies before the wars they're deployed to justify have any chance to begin. Veteran antiwar activist Daniel Ellsberg calls War Is A Lie "a terrific tool for recognizing and resisting war lies before it's too late." This updated and expanded edition outlines lessons from America's most recent wars, what can be done to end warmaking, and an epilogue that analyzes new trends in war lying and in resistance to it. No one to whom you give this book can claim they haven't been warned!

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Customer Reviews

"David Swanson's War Is A Lie should be required reading. It gives you the arguments, outrage and inspiration you need to take action. Read it." —Medea Benjamin, author, peace activist.

David Swanson is an author, activist, journalist, public speaker, and radio host. His books include *When the World Outlawed War*, and *War No More: The Case for Abolition*. Swanson serves as director of World Beyond War, and host of Talk Nation Radio. He blogs at DavidSwanson.org and WarIsACrime.org. In the early 2000s, he helped to expose the "Downing Street

Minutes and other attempts to lie the United States and its allies into the Iraq war. In 2015, he was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Should be required reading for every member of Congress, not to mention a part of any class that purports to give an honest look at U.S. History. An articulate dissection of the multiple lies used by the military, media, and arms merchants to support our illegal and utterly failed militarism, every lie illuminated using incontrovertible facts. Eye opening in so many ways.

David Swanson is one of the world's acknowledged toilers in obscurity to get rid of wars. His writing rings with passion, wisdom, and painstaking historical research. He documents all his statements with a journalist's precision. This book is a superb historical reference work. Anyone with an interest in turning our world away from the abyss should read this book and use its citations to make the case in every debate and every conversation with intelligent people who show the slightest sign of being tired of wars and the inhuman conditions wars beget.

Everyone should know this, and we wouldn't be in such a mess. How to get those who don't already agree is the hard part, and this book shows its exasperation with the World Order a bit too clearly. I mean, I agree and am pissed too, but a cool objective argument, at least in the opening chapters might hold more American readers for longer. I think much of the rest of the world gets this, so they will love it as is. Patriotic gun-loving, war-loving Americans won't read this, even though they are the ones who most need to.

Tells truths about the US most Americans would not like to face. Swanson makes the case that continuing on this (war)path will eventually lead to multiple crises here, not to mention the misery these misguided and wasteful policies have caused elsewhere. But true days of decision are coming, and if course is corrected, perhaps we can all be proud of a more constructive country.

You will never watch the evening news again without encountering at least one of the lies around which Swanson deftly organizes this book and his unequivocal assertion: War is a lie!

A brilliant, carefully researched book on an extremely important subject... This is a must-read for everyone, because our lives, and life on this planet depends on overcoming the idea that war is EVER a solution to a problem.

David gives a thorough summary of the many wars we have undertaken and shown how the government canives and lies us into believing that we need the wars for our security. Easy reading and captivating as one reads along.

Swanson documents how we "little people" called citizens have been lied to about war, using the same bromides and slogans, since the beginning of the country. This book, and Ron Paul's book "Plowshares" should be read by anyone interested in pursuing a happy life without the eternal wars to which we have been subject.

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