

Jim Mattis: My Favorite Books

Non-Fiction

- [*Meditations*](#) by Marcus Aurelius
- [*Invisible Armies*](#) by Max Boot
- [*The Savage Wars of Peace*](#) by Max Boot
- [*Boyd: The Fighter Pilot Who Changed the Art of War*](#) by Robert Coram
- [*Fighting Power*](#) by Martin van Crevald
- [*Fighting Talk: Forty Maxims on War, Peace and Strategy*](#) by Colin S. Gray
- [*Dereliction of Duty: Johnson, McNamara, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Lies That Led to Vietnam*](#) by H.R. McMaster
- [*Military Innovation in the Interwar Period*](#) by Williamson Murray
- [*Successful Strategies: Triumphant in War and Peace from Antiquity to the Present*](#) by Williamson Murray
- [*The Direction of War: Contemporary Strategy in Historical Perspective*](#) by Hew Strachan
- [*Issues on My Mind: Strategies for the Future*](#) by George P. Shultz
- [*The Greatest Raid of All*](#) by C.E. Lucas Phillips
- [*The Lessons of History*](#) by Will & Ariel Durant
- [*A Savage War of Peace: Algeria 1954-1962*](#) by Alistair Horne
- [*The Art of War*](#) by Sun Tzu
- [*The Rules of the Game: Jutland and British Naval Command*](#) by Andrew Gordon
- [*The Rise and Fall of Great Powers*](#) by Paul Kennedy
- [*National Insecurity: American Leadership in an Age of Fear*](#) by David Rothkopf
- [*The March of Folly: From Troy to Vietnam*](#) by Barbara Tuchman
- [*The Guns of August*](#) by Barbara Tuchman
- [*The Dispensable Nation: American Foreign Policy in Retreat*](#) by Vali Nasar
- [*Diplomacy*](#) by Henry Kissinger
- [*World Order*](#) by Henry Kissinger
- [*The Boys in the Boat*](#) by Daniel James Brown
- [*Catastrophe 1914: Europe Goes to War*](#) by Max Hasting
- [*A Peace to End All Peace: The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and the Creation of the Modern Middle East*](#) by David Fromkin

- [*Just and Unjust Wars*](#) by Michael Walzer
- [*The Village*](#) by Bing West
- [*Before the First Shots Are Fired: How America Can Win Or Lose Off The Battlefield*](#) by General Tony Zinni
- [*War, Morality and the Military Profession*](#) by Malham Wakin
- [*Never Quite the Fight*](#) by Ralph Peters
- [*The Mind and Faith of Justice Holmes*](#) by Max Lerner
- [*Warfighting*](#) by Marine Corps Doctrine Publication 1
- [*Strategy, Ethics and the War on Terrorism*](#) by Albert Pierce
- [*Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*](#) by James McPherson
- [*The Viceroy's Journal*](#) by Archibald Wavell

Biographies

- [*Defeat Into Victory: Battling Japan in Burma and India, 1942-1945*](#) by Viscount Slim
- [*Turmoil and Triumph: My Years As Secretary of State*](#) by George P. Shultz
- [*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*](#) by Laura Hillenbrand
- [*The Forgotten Soldier*](#) by Guy Sajer
- [*The Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant*](#) by General U.S. Grant
- [*Long Walk to Freedom*](#) by Nelson Mandela
- [*My American Journey*](#) by Colin Powell
- [*Duty*](#) by Robert Gates
- [*Alexander Hamilton*](#) by Ron Chernow
- [*One Bullet Away: The Making of a Marine Officer*](#) by Nathaniel Fick
- [*Sherman: Soldier, Realist, American*](#) by Liddell-Hart
- [*Scipio Africanus: Greater Than Napoleon*](#) by Liddell-Hart
- [*Tabea's Story*](#) by Betty Iverson
- [*American Caesar: Douglas MacArthur 1880 - 1964*](#) by William Manchester
- [*Goodbye, Darkness: A Memoir of the Pacific War*](#) by William Manchester
- [*With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa*](#) by E.B. Sledge

- [*Seven Pillars of Wisdom*](#) by T.E. Lawrence
- [*For Country and Corps: The Life of General Oliver P. Smith*](#) by Gail Shisler

Fiction

- [*The Far Pavilions*](#) by M.M. Kaye
- [*Gates of Fire: An Epic Novel of the Battle of Thermopylae*](#) by Steven Pressfield
- [*The Killer Angels: The Classic Novel of the Civil War*](#) by Michael Shaara
- [*Lord Jim*](#) by Joseph Conrad
- [*Kim*](#) by Rudyard Kipling
- [*The Cruel Sea*](#) by Nicholas Monsarrat
- [*The Caine Mutiny*](#) by Herman Wouk
- [*Once an Eagle*](#) by Anton Myrer
- [*Other Men's Flowers: An Anthology of Poetry*](#) by Lord Wavell

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