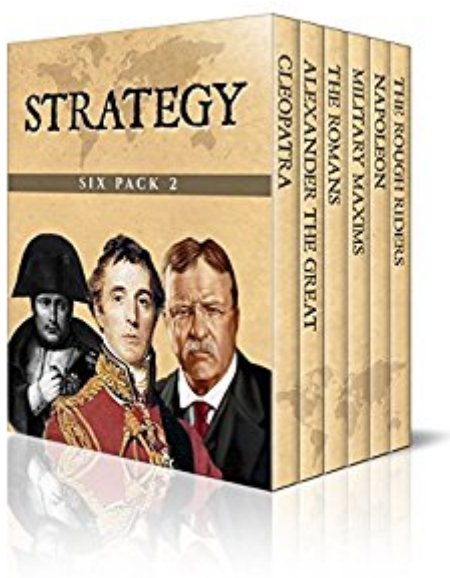


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As a huge history buff, I would highly recommend this well written pack of books. Each book in this collection focuses on a different influential and pivotal historical figure. I was captivated while reading the exploits of each of these legendary figures; from their highs to their lows to their unique personality quirks. Well written and highly entertaining.

Bottom Line First: Of the six selections only the last Theodore Roosevelt's memoir *The Rough Riders* and Flavius Renatus (Vegetius) Roman Military instructions, *De Rei Militaris* come close to delivering on the promise of the Strategy Six Pack books. The remaining selections range from a few pages of random Duke Wellington quotes, 2 juvenile biographies and one bad biography, horribly chopped together. There is almost no value in *The Strategy Six Pack Volume 2* for a serious or casual student of history and a major clue than many of the rest of the series will be likewise flawed. Beginning with the last and best selection. Theodore Roosevelt's *The Rough Riders* is the product of an established story teller and writer of history. It is hardly an unbiased version of the US Army in the Spanish American War, at least as far as his adoration of his Rough Riders. About the Army and its failure to plan, organize or run the business of a foreign invasion there is too much scholarship to conclude other than he had it right. That many Americans remember this unit mainly for what is often taught as a single handed charge up San Juan Hill; none of the error in this national recollection are attributable to Roosevelt. His book clearly states that the assault was on Kettle Hill and that his volunteer unit of cavalry (unmounted) had regular Army units to the left and right. He writes of the Black unit, the 10th Infantry, and of the Black soldier with respect. Next up in quality is a, some would argue *The Military Manual* from Flavius Vegetius Renatus. This was a highly influential book from ancient times, specifically the 4th Century AD. It is the only book in this volume that fulfills the promise that these books will contain foundational studies in military or related thinking. Two of the books, the *Biographies of Cleopatra and Alexander the Great* are by 19th Century writer and Minister Jacob Abbott. His name is listed as a source in many of the other books in the Strategy Six Packs. He wrote for middle school children. These may have been decent books for middle schoolers 100 years ago but they lack anything close to serious historical value. The worst book was written by Jacob Abbott's brother, John S. C. at is best he writes about Napoleon with a sycophantic wonder that makes it impossible to value the writer's opinion. Worse the book appears to have been published inside out and some number of pages thrown in from one or more other books. I have never read anything so obviously not edited, proofed or otherwise supervised in production. This bio is available as a stand along volume and reviews for it indicate that this is how this biography is usually found. Given that it is a waste of about 100 pages, the publishers of the Six Pack books should have chosen more wisely. Almost any other book chosen would have at least been readable.

Pleasant, broad and general overviews. In this and other sets the writing is uneven, the focus at

times unclear, and, predictably, the content can waver and even miss the mark, but they are, together and apart, enjoyable.

This is a well written set of books. There is a lot of historical information here that documents the lives of several influential leaders. I was pleasantly surprised with the flow of the text, it makes for an easy and interesting read.

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