

Book Review Guidelines

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Content Requirements

A book review informs readers of the scholarly merits of the book. Reviewers should briefly tell readers what the book is about, provide a concise evaluation, and answer the following questions:

- What type of book is it (biography, history, monograph, anthology)?
- Briefly, what is the book's main argument?
- How authoritative is the book? Sources? How does it contribute to the field?
- Is the book relevant to senior members of the defense community? If not, say so.
- Does the book include relevant charts, illustrations, maps, or tables?

A book review should be between 500 and 750 words in length. For any quotes referenced from the book, please include in-text citations of page numbers. Footnotes will not be accepted. The submission deadline will be specified in the letter accompanying the book. The USAWC Press reserves the right to edit and abridge book reviews.

Formatting Requirements

Please follow *The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Edition* for style and grammar and adhere to the following guidelines:

- Document type – MS Word document (.docx)
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- Spacing – Double-spaced
- Margins – 1-inch (top, bottom, left, and right)

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The following information should be included at the top of the book review:

<u>Information</u>	<u>Example</u>
Book title	Strategic Vision
Book author(s)/editor(s)	by Jim Smith
Reviewer information	Reviewed by John Coffey, retired foreign affairs officer US Department of State
City, state/country: publisher, year	New York: Macmillan, 2023
Page count	208 pages
Price	\$26.00

Submission Requirements

Please attach the original Word file to an e-mail and include your rank/title, full name, mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number.