



In a recent *New York Times* [interview](#) Adm. (ret) William McRaven shared the books that have most influenced his thinking throughout his military career. He offered the following list:

[\*On War\*](#) by Carl von Clausewitz

[\*The Art of War\*](#) by Sun Tzu

[\*The Command of the Air\*](#) by Giulio Douhet

[\*The Influence of Sea Power on History\*](#) by Alfred Thayer Mahan

Finally, he singles out [\*Scipio Africans: Greater than Napoleon\*](#) by B. H. Liddell Hart as the book that most influenced him as a special operations officer.

If *The New York Times* interviewed you, what books would you say were the most influential to you?

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