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: Triumphing 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

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- **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

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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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