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The Generals... Readable but Flawed?

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Gian Gentile provides an **intelligent dissection of Tom Ricks' *The Generals: American Military Command from World War II to Today at the New York Journal of Books***, deeming it "highly readable but flawed."

Tom Ricks's new book *The Generals* regresses from Keegan and takes us back to a less complicated form of military storytelling in which wars' outcomes were determined solely by the performance of army commanders.

The main argument to the book is simple: Relieve American army generals in war for poor performance and victory will be more attainable.

Read it [here](#).

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