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Basic reviews of intelligence or offers of spies, errors, moles, double agents, landings, covert actions. The world of intelligence is filled with intrigue, but at its core, information-secret or otherwise - valuable to governments for the power it gives to policy makers. With the constant need for background, context and warning, as well as risk, benefit and probable outcomes, the intelligence community plays a crucial role in Formation. Lowenthal expertly describes the development of this community, showing students how the various stages of the intelligence process serve an intelligence agenda that changed dramatically in this post-Cold War post-9/11 world. chapter, including new material about the infamous Robert Hanssen and Wen Ho Lee cases. Two new chapters significantly overshadow coverage: one about intelligence reform and the other that takes a comparative view of intelligence in Britain, France, Russia, Israel and China. This new edition also takes into account the implications and consequences of the war on terrorism currently having on the collection, analysis and counter-intelligence, as well as the ethical and moral issues associated with these tasks. Mark M. Lowenthal has more than forty-four years of experience in U.S. intelligence. He served as Assistant Director of Central Intelligence for Analysis and Manufacturing, Vice Chairman of the National Intelligence Council, Director of Personnel for the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Director of Office and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State at the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (INR), and Senior Foreign Policy Specialist at the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. He is currently president and CEO of the Academy of Intelligence and Security, an educational and consulting firm. Dr. Lowenthal holds a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and a doctorate in history from Harvard University. He serves as an adjunct professor at Johns Hopkins University, National University of Intelligence Sciences Po (Paris); and the Norwegian School of Military Intelligence. He was an adjunct at Columbia University from 1993 to 2007. Start your review of Intelligence: From Secrets to Politics It makes a good introduction to the concept of intelligence and intelligence agencies. This is dry but comprehensive, so it's the kind of book to keep around as a reference. The review was first published on my blog. This makes a good tutorial introduction to the concept of intelligence and intelligence agencies. It's a bit dry but comprehensive, so it's the kind of book to keep around as a reference. Review first published on my blog: more it is difficult to find a book about intelligence that is not sinister and wrong, or purely historical, or focused on a particular event. Perhaps the books of Robert M. Clark, but you have to read a few of them to cover the range of Lowenthal's book. 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Just one warning: It is a structured reference, academic book, not a quick read, and I had to take it in chunks as a tutorial. It's worth the time, though. I have long said that I would like to read this book, and put it partly because Lowenthal continues to update it to cover changes (primarily within politics; intelligence world doesn't change nearly as much) and he bought me the book, and I have been meaning to read it for a couple of years. I really liked the chapter on the intelligence services of other countries, emphasizing how the intelligence services are best designed to reflect their history and culture, a particular country. And, as you'd expect, there is a wonderful bibliography of things that explore or expand on many of the topics Lowenthal has a place to cover. I'll use it as a reference. More It was very interesting to me. I am a full state because I haven't learned much about the structure of the intelligence agencies or the peculiarities of how intelligence is done So, in fact, all the information presented in the book was new to me, and although it is impossible to describe the prose, it has retained my interest. This methodically runs through the intelligence structure of how agencies think about intelligence/datalocation and processing. It's pretty Thoreau It was very exciting for me. I give him full stars because I haven't learned much about the structure of intelligence agencies or the specifics of how intelligence is done So, in fact, all the information presented in the book was new to me, and although it is impossible to describe the prose, it has retained my interest. This methodically runs through the intelligence structure of how agencies think about intelligence/datalocation and processing. It's pretty thorough. The chapters are pretty independent, which can be bad for reading right through as you get a good amount of reps. On the other hand, it will make it easier to memorize all the acronyms that come over and over again. The book ends with a look at foreign intelligence services. It's kind of a fun ending as it delves a bit into how intelligence agencies are kind of peculiar to each nation. I would say if you are interested in exploring how intelligence in the U.S. is conceptualized, this is a great and exhaustive book. It has a tutorial tone, so if it bothers you, then the reader is being warned. The prose is not particularly hard to read, but it still reads like a textbook. I give it all the stars mainly because I read it on a whim, seeing it on another person's shelf, and I really don't know that much about the subject matter. I feel like I have a pretty good understanding of the intelligence structure now.... More Mark M. Lowenthal wrote this book to fill the gap he identified in the instructions on the intelligence community. He found that many of the texts are considered in specifics, without one solution to the general background information Lowenthal College students seem to need the most. He wrote this text as a starting point for his course material to provide students with the necessary basis for further investigation. This book is full of facts - fact after fact, to get student intelligence before tobacco. Mark M. Lowenthal wrote this book to fill the gap he identified in the instructions on the intelligence community. He found that many of the texts are considered in specifics, without one solution to the general background information Lowenthal College students seem to need the most. He wrote this text as a starting point for his course material to provide students with the necessary basis for further investigation. This book is full of facts - fact after fact, to get student intelligence before tobacco. In the end, all declarative offers begin to wear on their patience. Also, redundancy abounds: I'm surprised to find myself reading and rereading the same stuff. Perhaps this repetition is intended as an eye-opening tool for students who can't read the book cover to cover... or maybe it's just a sign of a lazy editor. Either way, it adds an annoying degree of tedium to an otherwise interesting read. The material itself is fascinating, and the prose is available to any reader, even those who are not familiar with the subject. But the book's text instructions are more than this narrative, and as such, probably better suited to the scholarly readers rather than those with a casual interest in the subject. It may be easy to read, but not exactly easy reading.... no more comment.) It was a really informative read. It read like a textbook/academic introduction to the U.S. intelligence community (and hey! that's what it should be.). Full of cuts and government-eze, but very good. I think it would be interesting to teach a class based on this book together. It seemed rather biased, but rather informative There is a 4th edition of this book r. 10/2008 Another classic for an old thesis. Intelligence: From Secrets to Politics, by Mark M. Lowenthal. This book is not classified as a tutorial, but it is exactly what it is. Mark Lowenthal gives a detailed explanation of the internal and external work of the special services. This book provided a good retraining in counterintelligence. Also, I'm intrigued with James Jesus Angleton; little information written on it. The best intelligence book I've studied so far is undoubtedly the best textbook I've ever seen on intelligence. It's very informative and easy to follow. It's very hard to put down. I thought it was good because it tells us about a man who surveys government and politics. This is the best unclassified book on U.S. intelligence, or so it says, that all my professors of intelligence and security, and I believe in it! This is a clear and detailed look at all aspects of U.S. intelligence agencies and how intelligence works. Very interesting and instructive. An extremely informative book about the internal work of intelligence agencies is a great primer on the functions of the U.S. intelligence community, organization, capabilities, culture and issues. A good review for beginners. A book that helps get into the inner workings of the intelligence community and how it becomes politics. A short book that moves through the complex world of intelligence. Intel.

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