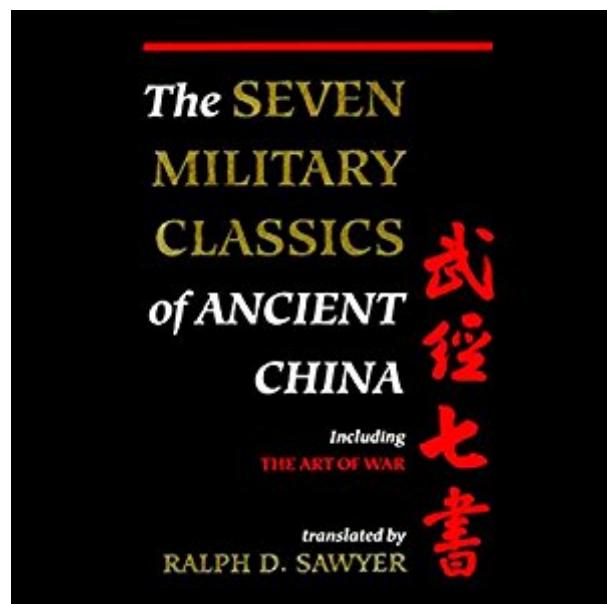


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Sawyer knows his subject. He is a master of Chinese warfare and culture. He even teaches you how to pronounce some common Chinese words that we in the west always mispronounce. The book is great. It covers a lot --- not just *The Art of War*, though that's included. It is a complete study

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Scholarly and well translated.

This book was delivered in perfect condition. The text is clean and well organized. The book gives a detailed introduction to each of the seven books included. The translation is easy to understand and enjoyable to those looking to study these classics.

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