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His last book, *War Made New: Technology, Warfare, and the Course of History, 1500 to Today* (Gotham Books, 2006), has been hailed as a "magisterial survey of technology and war" by the *New York Times*, "brilliantly crafted history" by *The Wall Street Journal*, and "a book for both the general reader and reading generals" by the *New York Post*.

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