

MORS Contemporary Reading List

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The intent of this list is to provide recommendations of books published within the past 10 years on topics that are of current interest to the MORS community. If you have feedback or suggestions, please contact the MORS Publications Committee.

1. *The Leader's Bookshelf*, by ADM James Stavridis, USN (Ret.) and R. Manning Ancell (2017): Synthesizes leadership lessons derived from a survey of over 200 senior U.S. military officers regarding the literature that most influenced their professional development.
2. *Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – and Why Things are Better Than You Think*, by Hans Rosling, Ola Rosling, and Anna Rosling Rönnlund (2018): Identifies ten cognitive instincts that distort human perception of global trends and provides a data-driven framework for understanding the world's actual progress.
3. *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*, by Caroline Criado Perez (2019): Investigates how data-related biases in design and policymaking has negatively impacted women's safety and health.
4. *How Not To Be Wrong: The Art of Changing Your Mind*, by James O'Brien (2020): Explores the psychological barriers to changing one's mind and the importance of questioning deeply held assumptions in a polarized society.
5. *Humble Pi: When Math Goes Wrong in the Real World*, by Matt Parker (2020): Chronicles a series of real-world glitches and disasters caused by mathematical errors to highlight the critical role math plays in modern society.
6. *Burn-In: A Novel of the Real Robotic Revolution*, by P. W. Singer and August Cole (2020): Explores the societal and ethical challenges of a near-future world where AI and robotics are deeply integrated into law enforcement.
7. *Genius Makers: The Mavericks Who Brought AI to Google, Facebook, and the World*, by Cade Metz (2021): Traces the history of modern AI through the stories of the researchers and tech companies that pioneered the field.
8. *The Military Metaverse*, by Andy Fawkes and David Burden (2025): Investigates the integration of immersive digital technologies, such as virtual reality and digital twins, into defense training, mission planning, and operations.

9. *AI Snake Oil: What Artificial Intelligence Can Do, What It Can't, and How to Tell the Difference*, by Arvind Narayanan and Sayash Kapoor (2025): Provides a critical framework for identifying exaggerated claims about AI-based technologies.
10. *Project Maven: A Marine Colonel, His Team, and the Dawn of AI Warfare*, by Katrina Manson (2026): Chronicles the development and ethical controversies surrounding an initiative to integrate AI into military intelligence and surveillance.
11. *Mission Dependency Network Analysis: Mathematical Foundations for Modeling and Practice*, by Les Servi (2026): Shows how recent advances in optimization methods can help optimize complex modern mission dependency networks.