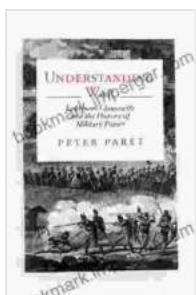


# **Essays on Clausewitz and the History of Military Power**

Clausewitz's seminal work "On War" has captivated and challenged military scholars for centuries, offering profound insights into the nature of warfare. This collection of essays delves deep into Clausewitz's ideas, examining their relevance to the history of military power and the complexities of war in the modern era.

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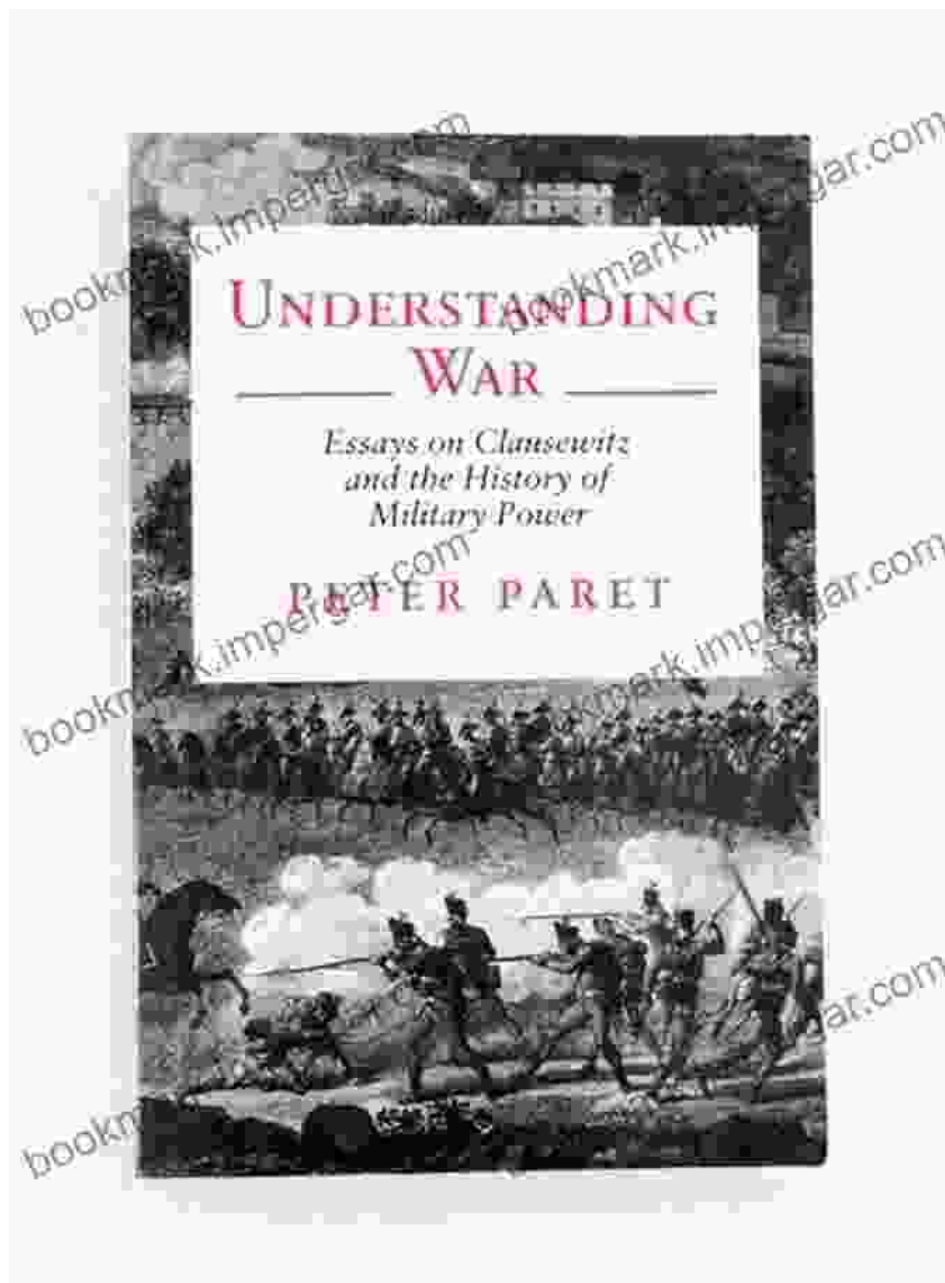


Clausewitz's first critique was against the "war of abstractions," where war is conceptualized as a sanitized and idealized exercise. He argued that this view ignores the inherent friction, uncertainty, and unpredictable nature of real warfare. By focusing on concrete realities, Clausewitz's theory offers a more grounded and pragmatic approach to understanding and conducting war.

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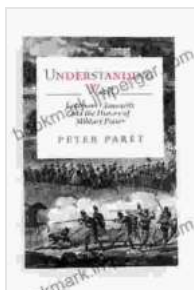
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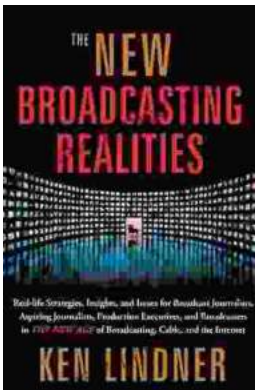
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