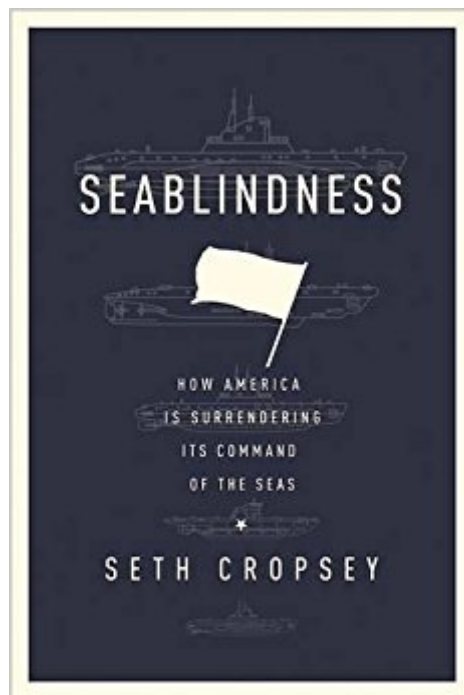




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The challenges to American security in the Western Pacific, the seas that surround Europe, and the Persian Gulf are growing. At the same time, U.S. military commanders seek more naval forces to protect America's interest in the safe transit of American goods, deterrence in a proliferating world, and the defense of our key allies. At the same time U.S. defense budgets are shrinking. American seapower has not been as small as it is today since before World War I. Unless reversed, U.S. seapower will continue its decline into the indefinite future as politicians ignore the widening gulf between the cost of modernizing and expanding American seapower, and the resources devoted to this most strategic arm of the nation's defense. Seablindness explains the dilemma. It looks at the consequences of neglect including the effect of increased deployments on families, global scenarios set in the immediate future, the views of America's most knowledgeable military officers, the anxious reactions of U.S. allies, and hard facts to show how a lack of political will is dismantling the nation's global reach and with it, our position as the world's great power.

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Cropsey's career and experience in naval matters allows him to provide clarity to the facts and figures that should inform our policy makers. Unlike many who have lived through the glory days of the US Navy, Cropsey sees the writing on the wall and can help the general audience get ahead of bombastic policy makers who fail to attend. Whether you are for or against expanding our military presence, you should read this book to understand the realities of our navy's past and possible futures. Astoundingly clear prose, well supported!

Singing for your supper. When any military officer writes such a book it is noteworthy. Well written OK. To say that the Department of Defense is under funded is absurd. The DoD has a budget of 600 billion dollars and they cannot or will not win a war. In 2015 the allocation for the Department of Defense was \$585 billion, the highest level of budgetary resources among all Federal agencies, and this amounts to more than one-half of the annual Federal Expenditures in the United States federal budget (discretionary budget). Shame of the author and the DoD.

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