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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. 100 Year Old Thinking Still Works. By Michael Thompson This is a much under appreciated work. Roughly contemporary with the commissioning of HMS DREADNOUGHT (1907), Corbett examines von Clausewitz through the lens of the British Experience. Corbett's most important contribution is on the preferred form of War of the United States and Great Britain, War Limited by contingent. That is, where the object of the war is the complete defeat of the enemy, but the position of the combatant allows it to be limited. While I found Alfred Thayer Mahan's work to be, politely, aged and rather shoddy, this legalistic work explains how Naval strategy should be thought of. But then I'm not at the Naval War College.

The history of the theory of naval warfare has long been in the debt of Julian Corbett, so Naval and Military Press are happy to announce the publication of this reprint of the 1918 edition of his important work. 'Corbett looks at the theory of war, and then the theory of naval war: from grand strategy to strategy. He looks at how England, with an active naval policy, was able to prevent often stronger nations and navies from ever landing successfully, or cutting supply routes from colonies and empire. The object of naval warfare, which made the foregoing possible, depends upon control of the sea, although not necessarily on omnipresence. A mere threat often suffices. 'By using the history of navies to good effect, Corbett illustrates his points clearly and well: naval strategy and tactics is often regarded as somewhat specialised for the general reader of military history, but Corbett makes the subject easy to understand, yet emphasises the complexities of his subject without recourse to jargon or technobabble. In all this is one of the important books on the subject, and is well worth reading even if it is not relevant to one's field of study in any way.