How to Use the List

**Organization:** The list has books recommended by ranks. A good goal is to read at least one to two books from the list for the rank of the member per year—this is in addition to the Marine Corps Professional Military Education Reading List.

For lateral move Marines coming into the intelligence field, the DIRINT recommends reading at least one additional book per year from the selections for the ranks below the one currently held.

Often there are questions whether one should read books for higher ranks than that currently held by the service member. Ideally one should read all the books for one’s current and previous ranks before selecting works intended for higher ranks, but this should not be an ironclad rule. Reading ANY book from ANYWHERE on this list is preferable to reading nothing.

**Purpose:** The U.S. Marine Corps Intelligence Reading List is intended to identify those works that assist in achieving practical technical mastery leading to success in Marine Corps tactical intelligence and warfighting as a whole.

**Objectives:** This list aims to complement the Marine Corps Professional Reading List with additional works specifically selected to accomplish the following:

- Increase general understanding of the intelligence profession
- Impart technical knowledge regarding intelligence operations
- Add historical depth to and explanation of current intelligence doctrine and TTP
The Books

**DIRINT Selection:**
Kim. Rudyard Kipling. (All Ranks)

**Intelligence—Fact and Fiction:**
The Interrogators. Chris Mackey and Greg Miller. (SSgt, Capt, CWO3)

The Secret War for the Union. Edwin C. Fishel. (Capt, CWO3)
The Tet Offensive - Intelligence Failure in War. James Wirtz. (MSgt, 1stSgt, Col, Gen)

Trust But Verify: Imagery Analysis in the Cold War. David Lindgren. (MGySgt, SgtMaj, LtCol, CWO5)

Uncovering Ways of War. Thomas G. Mahnken. (Maj, CWO4)

**The Profession of Intelligence:**
Anticipating Surprise. Cynthia M. Grabo. (SSgt, 1stLt, CWO2)

Forecasting Terrorism. Sundri Khalsa. (Sgt, 1stLt, CWO2)

Force Recon Command. Alex Lee. (SSgt, Capt, CWO3)

Informal Logic. Douglas Walton. (Maj, CWO4)

Intelligence Analysis: A Target-Centric Approach. Robert Clark. (Sgt, 2ndLt, WO1)

The Literary Spy. Charles E. Lathrop. (SSgt, Maj, CWO4)

Military Geography. John M. Collins. (GySgt, Capt, CWO3)

Psychology of Intelligence Analysis. Richard J. Heuer, Jr. (GySgt, Capt, CWO3)

Surprise Attack: The Victim’s Perspective. Ephraim Kam. (MSgt, 1stSgt, Maj, CWO4)

The Thinker’s Toolkit. Morgan D. Jones. (LCpl, Cpl, 2ndLt, WO1)

Street Smart. Jamison Jo Medby, Russell W. Glenn. (Cpl, 2ndLt, CWO2)

**Intelligence Classics:**
The Craft of Intelligence. Allen W. Dulles. (Maj, CWO4)

The American Black Chamber. Herbert O. Yardley. (Cpl, 2ndLt, WO1)

Front Line Intelligence. LtCol Stedman Chandler and Col Robert Robb. (Cpl, 2ndLt, WO1)

Pearl Harbor: Warning & Decision. Roberta Wohlstetter. (MGySgt, SgtMaj, Capt, CWO3)

Strategic Intelligence for American World Power. Sherman Kent. (Col, Gen)

**Emerging Intelligence Issues:**
Fixing Intelligence. William E. Odom. (Col, Gen)

Reshaping National Intelligence For An Age of Information. Gregory Treverton. (LtCol, CWO5)

Preventing Surprise Attacks. Richard Posner. (Col, Gen)

Strategic Denial and Deception. Roy Godson & James Wirtz, Eds. (Col, Gen)

Thinking in Time: The Uses of History for Decision Makers. Richard E. Neustadt and Ernest R. May. (LtCol, CWO5)