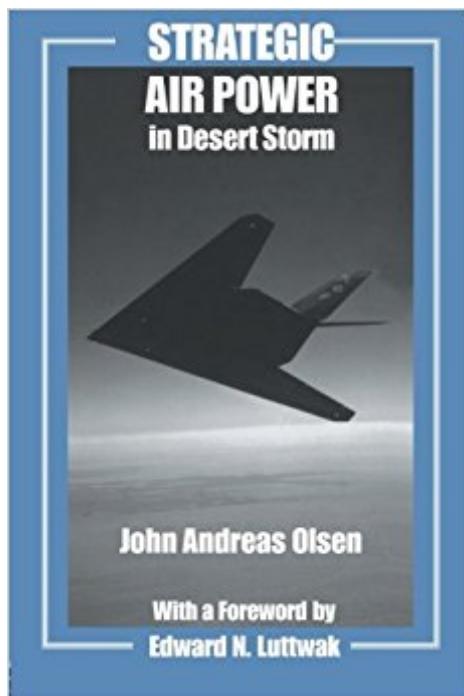


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In response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on the second of August 1990, a small group of air power advocates in the Pentagon proposed a strategic air campaign - "Operation Desert Storm" designed to drive the Iraqi army from Kuwait by a sustained effort against the major sources of Iraqi national power. John Andreas Olsen provides a coherent and comprehensive examination of the origins, evolution and implementation of this campaign. His findings derive from official military and political documentation, interviews with United States Air Force officers who were closely involved with the planning of the campaign and Iraqis with detailed knowledge and experience of the inner workings of the Iraqi regime.

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This is a study of the strategic air campaign in Desert Storm that is based on the author's academic thesis. It was written in the late 1990s and thus does not reflect the experiences of the Iraq War after 2003. The discussion of the planning of the strategic air campaign is excellent. He covers a lot of the same ground in his subsequent book on John Warden, and of course the essential work on the planning of the Desert Storm air campaign remains Diane Putney's "Airpower Advantage". Perhaps even more useful is the analysis of the Iraqi power structure. The purpose of this analysis was to show why the strategic air campaign failed to decapitate the regime or destabilize it so that Saddam could be overthrown internally. I have not seen anything like that

analysis anywhere else. I suspect that nobody in Washington read this analysis before we invaded in 2003, which was too bad, because the planning and execution of "Iraqi Freedom" could certainly have benefited from it. I got this book from a library. I don't think I want to pay the crazy amounts of money they want for it new (\$50 to \$100 or \$200). If you can get it used for under \$20, that is probably reasonable in my opinion.

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