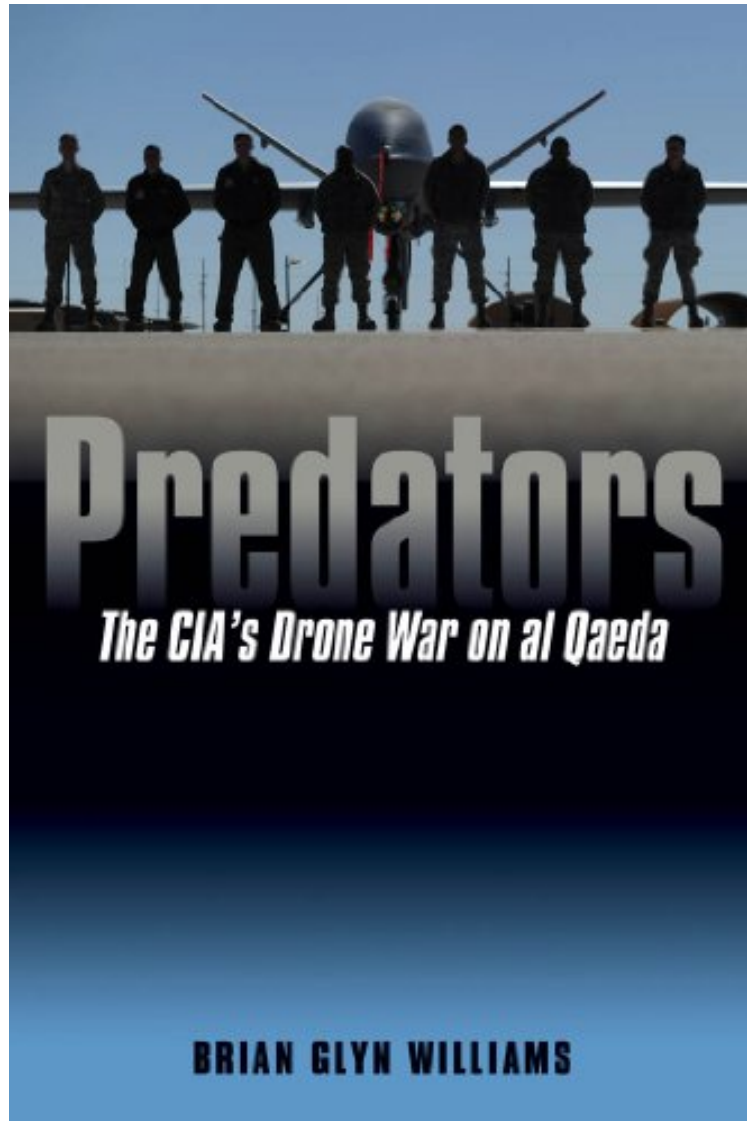


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auf den Drohnenangriffen in den pakistanischen Stammesgebieten, aber auch Einätze im Jemen und in Somalia werden thematisiert, genauso wie beispielsweise die Rolle von Drohnen bei der Revolution in Libyen. Ebenso werden jeweils in einzelnen Kapiteln alle Argumente die für, aber natürlich auch gegen den Einsatz von bewaffneten Drohnen sprechen ausführlich diskutiert. Alles wird mit Zahlen, Statistiken und Interviews begründet und belegt. Der Autor nimmt eine neutrale Rolle ein und bringt alle Argumente sehr sachlich und fundiert "rüber" und verzichtet glücklicherweise auf die bei diesem Thema so verbreitete Polemik und Emotionalisierung. In einem abschließenden Kapitel zeigt der Autor aktuelle Trends auf und verweist zu Recht darauf, dass Drohnen in Zukunft wohl ein fester Bestandteil militärischer Arsenale sein werden. Da die Entwicklung nicht mehr aufzuhalten bzw. zurückzudrehen ist, liegt es nun an den Regierung und Völkern zumindest einen bestimmten Rahmen abzustecken, in denen der Einsatz dieser Waffensysteme reguliert wird. Ein völliges Verbot muss aufgrund der Faktenlage als illusorisch und naiv bezeichnet werden, was aber nicht heißen soll, dass nicht alle Anstrengungen unternommen werden sollen und müssen, um zumindest "ertragliche" Rahmenbedingungen zu schaffen! Absolute Kaufempfehlung! Lesen!!!!

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