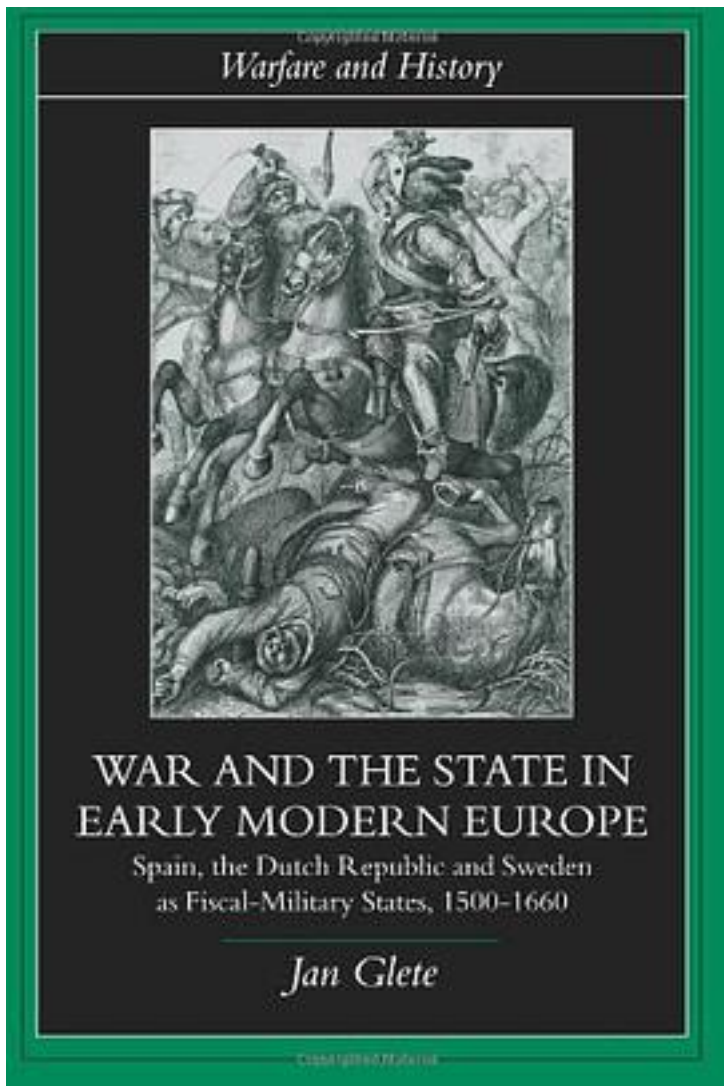


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The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries saw many ambitious European rulers develop permanent armies and navies. War and the State in Early Modern Europe examines this military change as a central part of the political, social and economic transformation of early modern Europe. This important study exposes the economic structures necessary for supporting permanent military organisations across Europe. Large armed forces could not develop successfully without various interest groups who needed protection and were willing to pay for it. Arguing that early fiscal-military states were in fact protection-selling enterprises, the author focuses on: Spain, the Dutch Republic and Sweden the role of local elites the political and organisational aspects of this new military development War and the State in Early Modern Europe offers an impressive insight into the conditions surrounding the growth of military organisations in Europe, and will appeal to European and Military historians alike.

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对比起其它表面上简单地将欧陆陆海军一概而谈、实际上更多重视陆军（包括各国内战）的著作，Glete的招牌是更多考虑海军与海洋扩张的特点（攻防态势转换迅速、大炮上舰的技术更为精致、常备游弋海军花费更巨大、海洋航行的不确定性、水手与经验军官需要更多训练、造船业需要积累）促使统治者抓住短期的窗口进行权力集中化、组织层级化与制造训练标准化，但对比起可以方便地镇压国内反叛和不满的陆军，海军无此功能，统治者被迫更多地与各界精英博弈妥协，默许军事组织更多地与民间组织（商贸金融等）互动达成契约和相互学习，从而形成相对威权色彩较低的财政—军事国家体系。

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