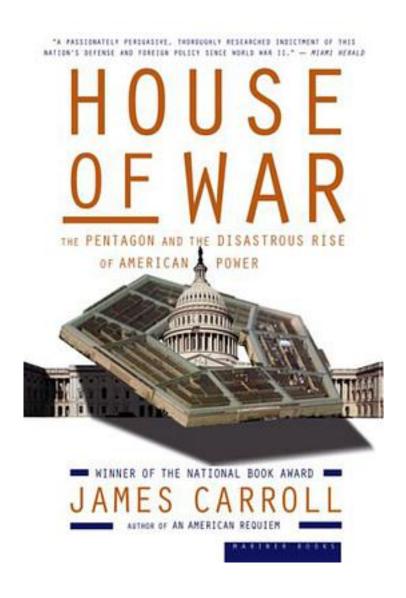
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In House of War, New York Times best-selling author James Carroll argues and then proves a radical thesis: the Pentagon has, since its founding, operated beyond the control of any force in government or society. It is the ultimate loose cannon in American history, and no institution has changed this country more since the end of World War II. From its "birth" on September 11, 1941, through the nuclear buildup of the cold war and the eventual "shock and awe" of Iraq, Carroll recounts how "the Building" and its denizens achieved what Eisenhower called "a disastrous rise of misplaced power." This is not faded history. Carroll shows how the consequences of the American response to September 11, 2001-including two wars and an ignited Middle East-form one end of an arc that stretches from Donald Rumsfeld back to James Forrestal, the first man to occupy the office of secretary of defense in the Pentagon. House of War confronts this dark past so we may understand the current war and forestall the next

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