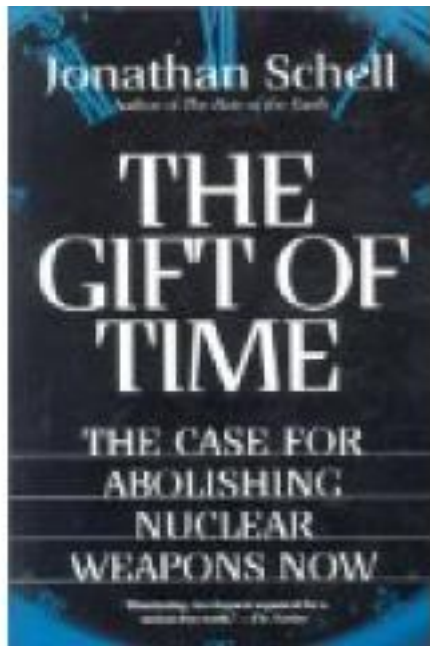


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commander of the Strategic Command, General George Lee Butler, Schell finds support for the abolition of nuclear weapons in the unlikely places, among the very generals and politicians who presided over nuclear strategy and its implementation during the Cold War. Writing in a spirit of optimism and hope, Schell calls upon all Americans--indeed, all of the world's citizens--to snap out of our cold-war trance, this forced cohabitation with horror, and take the step that alone can free us from nuclear danger and corruption, namely the abolition of nuclear weapons.

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