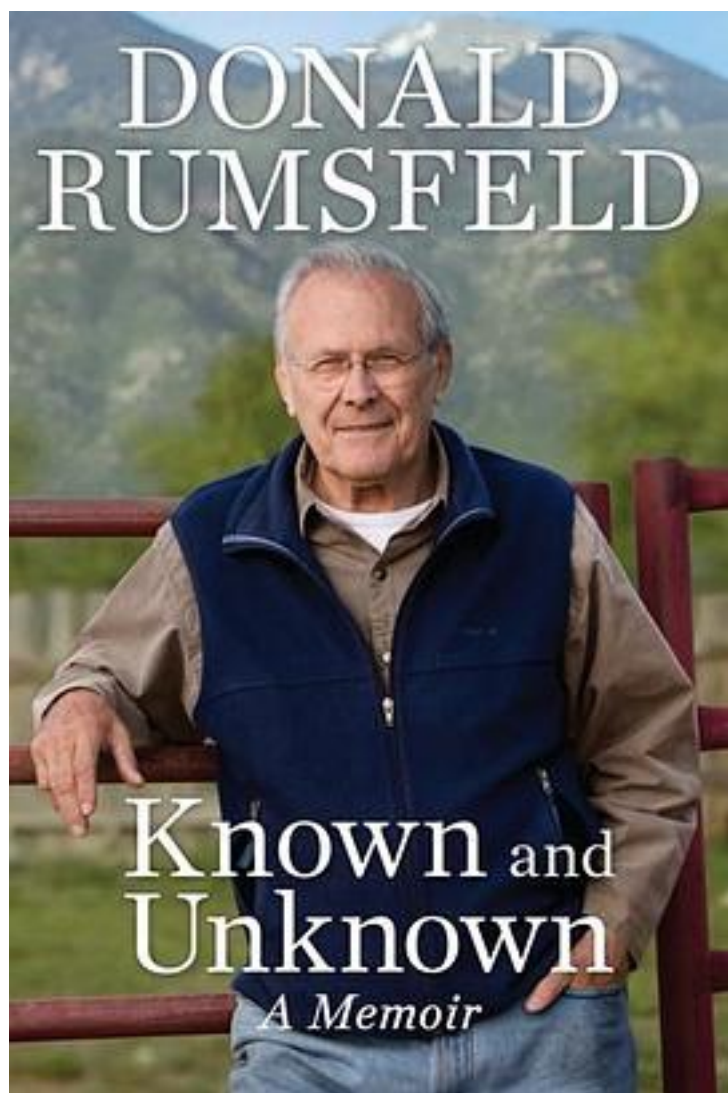


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"If you are not criticized, you may not be doing much." - Rumsfeld's Rules

Few Americans have spent more time near the center of power than Donald Rumsfeld. Now he has written an unflinching memoir of his half-century career, sharing previously undisclosed details that will fascinate readers and force historians to rethink many controversies.

Starting from a middle-class childhood in Illinois, Rumsfeld had a rapid rise that won him early acclaim. He shows us what it was like growing up during the Great Depression and World War II, going to Princeton on scholarships, serving as a naval aviator, then getting his first political job on Capitol Hill during the Eisenhower administration. He recalls how he won a seat in the House of Representatives at age thirty and what he experienced as a Republican in Congress during the Kennedy and Johnson years.

We also follow him back to the executive branch as he took on key cabinet positions in the Nixon and Ford administrations, including his service as the youngest-ever secretary of defense, just after the trauma of Vietnam. And we learn about the challenges he later faced as a CEO in the private sector, and during his special assignments for President Reagan, including a face-to-face meeting with Saddam Hussein in 1983.

All of that would have been enough material for a fascinating book. But as 2001 began, Rumsfeld's greatest challenges lay ahead of him. At age sixty-eight he returned to the Pentagon as President Bush's secretary of defense, with a mandate to transform the military for a new century. Just nine months later he would confront the worst acts of terrorism in American history, followed by unexpected wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. And he would be on the firing line for many controversies, from the revelations of abuse at Abu Ghraib prison to allegations of torture at Guantánamo Bay.

Known and Unknown reveals what happened behind the scenes during the critical moments of the Bush years, as the President's inner circle debated how best to defend our country. It is based not only on Rumsfeld's memory but also on hundreds of previously unreleased documents from throughout his career. It also features his blunt, firsthand opinions about some of the world's best-known figures, from Margaret Thatcher to Elvis Presley, from Henry Kissinger to Colin Powell, and about each American president from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George W. Bush.

In a famous press briefing, Rumsfeld once remarked that "there are also unknown unknowns . . . things we do not know we don't know." His book makes us realize just how much we didn't know.

作者介绍:

Donald Rumsfeld was the thirteenth and twenty-first U.S. secretary of defense. He currently chairs the Rumsfeld Foundation, which supports leadership and public service at home and the growth of free political and free economic systems abroad. The Rumsfeld Foundation funds global microfinance projects, fellowships for graduate students interested in public service, linkages between young leaders from central Asia and the United States, and charitable causes that benefit the men and women of the U.S. armed forces and their families. Married in 1954, he and his wife Joyce have three children and seven grandchildren. They currently reside in New Mexico.

For an extensive collection of documents related to this book, please visit www.rumsfeld.com.

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书评

“在9·11事件发生15天之后，布什总统把我叫到了办公室里。他坐在皮椅子上，让我草拟一份战争计划。但是这份计划针对的目标不是‘基地’组织老巢所在地阿富汗，而是伊拉克。”

这段文字来自美国前国防部长拉姆斯菲尔德刚刚出版的回忆录。这也揭开了一个秘密——布什政府发动伊...

这名“伊拉克战争设计师”承认，自己当年宣称伊拉克藏匿大规模杀伤性武器是“错误陈述”。但他拒绝承认美国发动伊拉克战争是“错误”。我承认是陈述错误。拉姆斯菲尔德回忆录取名《已知与未知》，源自他那段堪称经典的“绕口令”：“据我们所知，有‘已知的已知’，有些...”

美国《外交政策》网站2月4日发表文章，对布什任职时期的国防部长唐纳德-拉姆斯菲尔德最新回忆录《已知与未知》(Known and Unknown)进行了深度分析。拉姆斯菲尔德不仅是美国历史上最饱受批评与争议的国防部长，也是布什时代类似关塔那摩监狱、阿布格莱布监狱虐囚事件，以...

“如果想要保护美国，应该威慑其他人再次对美国采取这类行动(摘自拉氏回忆录《已知与未知》)”
——拉姆斯菲尔德(美国前国防部长。至今仍拒绝承认美国发动伊拉克战争“是个错误”。)伊拉克是拉氏念念不忘的战略目标，也是他的滑铁卢
《国际先驱导报》特约撰稿梦秋发自...

充满自信的常青树
拉姆斯菲尔德是美国历史上惟一两度执掌五角大楼的人。在他1975年出任福特政府的国防部长时，创造了美国历史上43岁担任国防部长的最年轻纪录。拉姆斯菲尔德对总统布什有着无与伦比的影响力，布什对他不算是言听计从，也算是青睐有加。有一件事颇能...

美国前国防部长拉姆斯菲尔德8日为宣传回忆录接受媒体记者采访，他表示不希望自己在海外遭“流氓”检察官起诉，不后悔发动伊拉克战争，关押恐怖嫌疑人的关塔那摩监狱是世上“最好”监狱之一……赞调查员“爱国”
现年78岁的拉姆斯菲尔德8日为宣传回忆录《已知与未知》...

说起“9·11”以及之后的两场战争，拉姆斯菲尔德是一定绕不开的人物，作为新保守主义的代表，其强硬的作风、率直的个性、略带自负的性格以及“鹰派”的标签屡次将其推上舆论的风口浪尖。作为最年轻的国防部长（福特总统时期），同时也是最年长的国防部长（小布什总统时期），他...

日前，美国前任国防部部长唐纳德·拉姆斯菲尔德推出了他的新书——回忆录《已知与未知》。拉姆斯菲尔德是布什时代最具争议的人物之一，据西方媒体报道，人们对他的自传“期待已久”。在这本815页的回忆录中，拉姆斯菲尔德从布什执政期间的伊拉克战争一直写到关塔那摩监狱虐囚...

美国前国防部长唐纳德·拉姆斯菲尔德在他的回忆录中透露，在2001年中国F-8战机与美国EP-3侦察机相撞引发的危机中，布什政府高级官员倾向于满足中国的要求，向中方道歉。时任国务卿鲍威尔和国家安全顾问赖斯在一次会议上对布什总统说，他们同意屈从于中国的要求，表示道歉，...

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