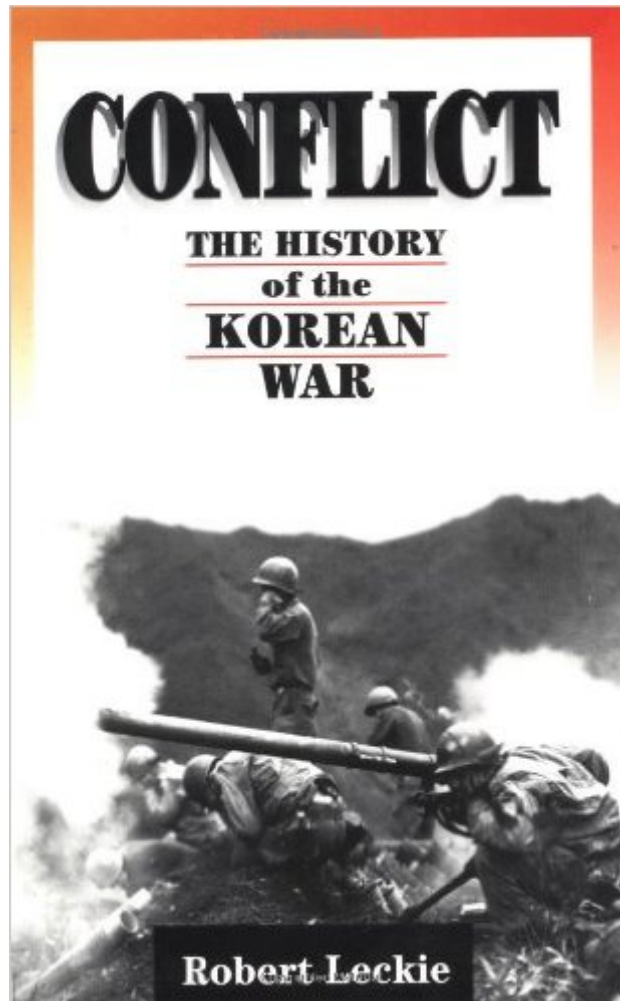


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A great book to use for high school reading. In this day and age, it is probably good for the college student. A quick overview of what has turned out to be a SUCCESS project in South Korea. That nation would not be here otherwise. This by one who was there in '50 - '51 and then later in '68-69.

This "police action" always fascinated me in its potential scope and its lasting ramifications that we still feel today. The author does a great job of detailing the overall strategy of the opposing forces and their tactics for achieving, or trying to achieve, victory. Sadly we all know that victory was never to be had, as a demilitarized zone, a potential world war three flash point, still remains. Great book for anyone who seriously wants to see the minds of the men who ran this costly and bloody "police action."

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