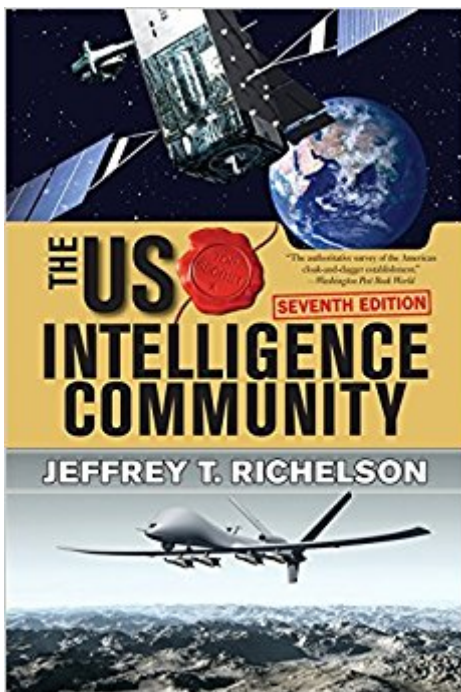


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I must say this is the first book that I bought from Mr. Richelson and one of the thoroughly researched and carefully documented studies I ever seen. In this 20-chapter volume the author explored with clarity the complexity, full scope, role and activities of the vast US intelligence apparatus. The amount of the research is impressive, the author ferreting out as many details as possible and Mr. Richelson cannot be blamed for some missing aspects in the presentation of US world of espionage. While the presentation of SIGINT&COMINT or cyber collection organizations and operations is truly impressive, I found the HUMINT chapter somehow less satisfactory. I think that Mr. Richelson could reveal more about dozens of espionage cases in the recent years both in Russia and US. The text is well supported by 27 black and white photos, 17 tables and 60+ figures. There is also a list of acronyms and abbreviations and a useful index. If you want to gain a fuller understanding of the US world of intelligence, it is highly unlikely you will ever find a better record in print. Recommended!

Just updating to the most recent version. Richelson is still as relevant as ever.

Perfect book to help as an introduction

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