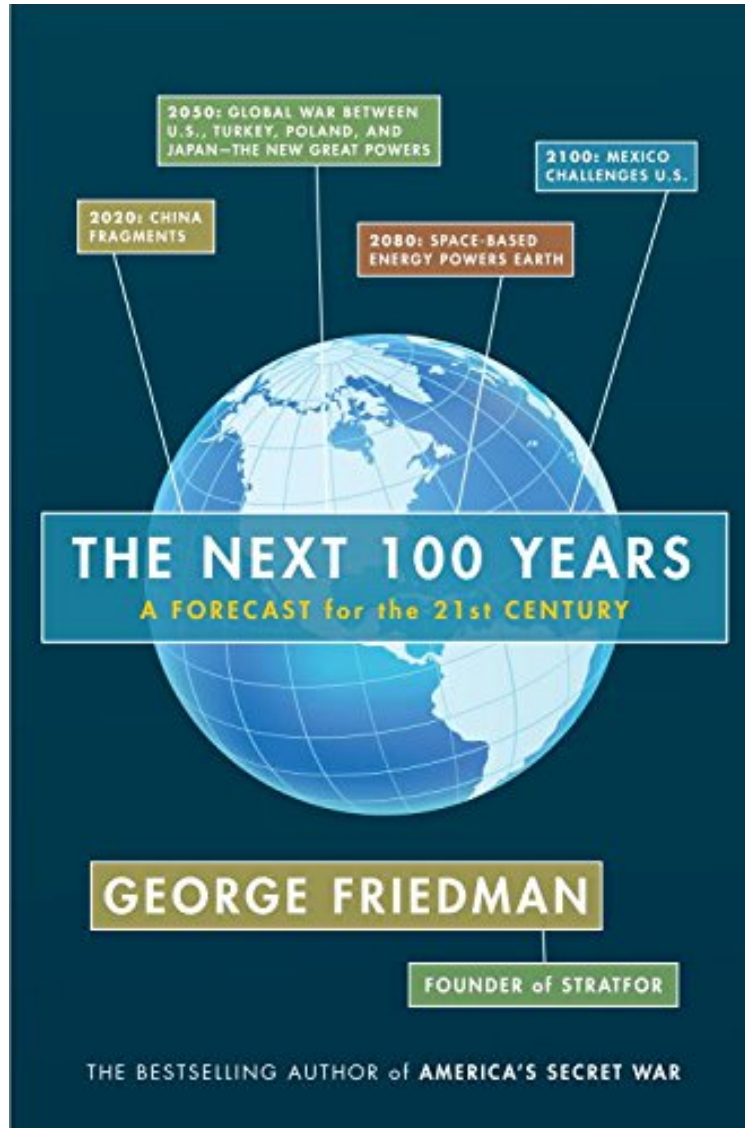


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even the affects of such advances on the social fabric of the societies. Western population decline and the changes this will bring to the western world. I was most amazed with the parallels the author draws between US and a teenage behavior as well as Europe and an elder tired man. That alone brings every move US makes in global politics to light! It is really Empowering to know that the U.S. Is still on the rise while behaving just like a indestructible teenager. Understanding the 50 year American cycles was also so very helpful especially to come to terms that the Presidents cannot single handily change was had been set up on the global stage, so no need to panic every time a President you did not vote for gets elected... What a relief! Lol!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. obviously a predictive book- much like the weather manBy JCIInteresting read for sure, obviously a predictive book- much like the weather man, it doesn't have to be right. The author does however touch on how and why the predictions have merit, and they are pretty persuasive. Of course, take with a grain of salt. Some of the claims are so outlandish and so volatile that any number of dozens of variables could lead to dozens more potential outcomes.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. This book is good starting point for long term foreign policy discussions among poli-sci/history/foreign policy buffsBy J.A.B.This book is good starting point for long term foreign policy discussions among poli-sci/history/foreign policy buffs.If you are already familiar with various subjects relating to history/foreign policy then this book will be a lot of fun. Ideas like: world population demographics, certain kinds of historical patterns, how geography drives policy, a rough idea of where eastern europe needs to go, economics and various policy solutions, how civilizations develop, decent knowledge of recent history, and a broad understanding of the rest of human history. If you have that kind of background knowledge then you should find The Next 100 Years more useful than someone who doesn't because then you will be able to see elements within the equation that George Friedman left out.One of George Friedman's blind spots is India. He does not see India as being a player in the 21st century. I rather think India will be a player. It will be a different kind of player than the other nations he focuses on because India already has within it bounds most of the land that have been a part of historical empires in India. India has at least decent amount of natural resources and does not have much in the way of competition in it's immediate sea area. India also has a billion people and it's economy will be much larger the farther we get into the 21st century. India will become a different kind of country then it is today because of these factors. If George Friedman included such ideas about India into his calculations then his equation for the 21st century would look a bit different overall.But that is not a reason to discount this book. The book definitely had a number of useful insights that will be part of what makes the 21st century the 21st century. It provides a reasonable framework for more productive conversations about what we want the next hundred years to look like and what we really want to achieve with our foreign policy.Blind spots aside, one of the interesting things to realize is that if enough policy makers read this book then some of the polices that he predicts would be adopted at various points would be more likely not to be adopted and thus the equation that he lays out would wind up with more widely different results. The more widely read this book is then the more likely history will turn out differently.

China fragments, a new Cold War with Russia, Mexcio challenges U.S., the new great powers Turkey, Poland and Japan. The Next 100 Years is a fascinating, eye-opening and often shocking look at what lies ahead for the U.S. and the world from one of our most incisive futurists.In his provocative book, George Friedman turns his eye on the future;offering a lucid, highly readable forecast of the changes we can expect around the world during the twenty-first century. He explains where and why future wars will erupt (and how they will be fought), which nations will gain and lose economic and political power, and how new technologies and cultural trends will alter the way we live in the new century.The Next 100 Years draws on a fascinating exploration of history and geopolitical patterns dating back hundreds of years. Friedman shows that we are now, for the first time in half a millennium, at the dawn of a new era;with changes in store, including: The U.S.-Jihadist war will conclude;replaced by a second full-blown cold war with Russia; China will undergo a major extended internal crisis, and Mexico will emerge as an important world power; A new global war will unfold toward the middle of the century between the United States and an unexpected coalition from Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and the Far East; but armies will be much smaller and wars will be less deadly; Technology will focus on space;both for major military uses and for a dramatic new energy resource that will have radical environmental implications; The United States will experience a Golden Age in the second half of the century.Written with the keen insight and thoughtful analysis that has made George Friedman a renowned expert in geopolitics and forecasting, The Next 100 Years presents a fascinating picture of what lies ahead.For continual, updated analysis and supplemental material, go to www.Stratfor.com

.com Best of the Month, January 2009: "Be Practical, Expect the Impossible." So declares George Friedman, chief intelligence officer and founder of Strategic Forecasting, Inc. (Stratfor), a private intelligence agency whose clients include foreign government agencies and Fortune 500 companies. Gathering information from its global network of operatives and analysts (drawing the nickname "the Shadow CIA"), Stratfor produces thoughtful and genuinely engrossing analysis of international events daily, from possible outcomes of the latest Pakistan/India tensions to the

hierarchy of Mexican drug cartels to challenges to Obama's nascent administration. In *The Next 100 Years*, Friedman undertakes the impossible (or improbable) challenge of forecasting world events through the 21st century. Starting with the premises that "conventional political analysis suffers from a profound failure of imagination" and "common sense will be wrong," Friedman maps what he sees as the likeliest developments of the future, some intuitive, some surprising: more (but less catastrophic) wars; Russia's re-emergence as an aggressive hegemonic power; China's diminished influence in international affairs due to traditional social and economic imbalances; and the dawn of an American "Golden Age" in the second half of the century. Friedman is well aware that much of what he predicts will be wrong--unforeseeable events are, of course, unforeseen--but through his interpretation of geopolitics, one gets the sense that Friedman's guess is better than most. --Jon ForoFrom Publishers Weekly

With a unique combination of cold-eyed realism and boldly confident fortune-telling, Friedman (*Americas Secret War*) offers a global tour of war and peace in the upcoming century. The author asserts that the United States power is so extraordinarily overwhelming that it will dominate the coming century, brushing aside Islamic terrorist threats now, overcoming a resurgent Russia in the 2010s and 20s and eventually gaining influence over space-based missile systems that Friedman names battle stars. Friedman is the founder of Stratfor, an independent geopolitical forecasting company, and his authoritative-sounding predictions are based on such factors as natural resources and population cycles. While these concrete measures lend his short-term forecasts credence, the later years of Friedmans 100-year cycle will provoke some serious eyebrow raising. The armed border clashes between Mexico and the United States in the 2080s seem relatively plausible, but the space war pitting Japan and Turkey against the United States and allies, prognosticated to begin precisely on Thanksgiving Day 2050, reads as fantastic (and terrifying) science fiction. Whether all of the visions in Friedmans crystal ball actually materialize, they certainly make for engrossing entertainment. (Feb.) Copyright copy; Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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Friedman, author and founder of a forecasting company, sets out to provide a sense of the twenty-first century. He is confident that rather than being on the verge of decline, the U.S. has actually just begun its ascent and will be the center of power. This is a book about unintended consequences and how the constraints of time and place impact the behavior of individuals and nations and offer a view of future events. With many unknowns and acknowledging potential for error, Friedman carefully explains his position on the ultimate collapse of Russia, our next opponent after the Islamic conflicts, and he evaluates China and concludes it will not become a major threat. He provides thoughtful rationale for Japan, Turkey, and Poland to emerge as great powers, and his theories are fascinating on a confrontation between the U.S. and Mexico, a major economic force at the end of the century. This is an excellent book and will intrigue many library patrons. --Mary Whaley