



Ralph Peters

Topics

Global Affairs, Historians, Military and Defense

Travels From

District of Columbia, Virginia

Bio

Colonel Ralph Peters served over two decades in the U.S. Army, focusing on intelligence and strategic reporting from numerous countries and regions. During his service, he spent extensive time working against the former Soviet Union and the “new” Russia, as well as conducting investigative projects in the Andean Ridge of Latin America and Southeast Asia. He also did additional work in Pakistan, the Caucasus, and the Pentagon. Colonel Peters became known for innovative and sometimes controversial analysis, predicting the rise of Islamist terrorism, the failure of democracy in Russia, the proliferation of unconventional threats, the need to fight in cities, and the collapse of Middle-Eastern societies. After leaving the military, he wrote for a wide range of top US and international newspapers and magazines and conducted research projects in Indonesia, India, and throughout Africa. Colonel Peters reported from Iraq multiple times and from Israel during the 2006 war. He then served as Fox News’ strategic analyst for a decade before leaving in protest. Colonel Ralph Peters has over thirty years of lecture experience and writing on strategic and security topics, to government and public audiences, at home and abroad.

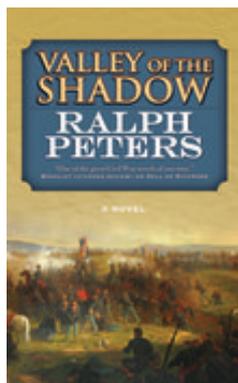
He is also a prize-winning, best-selling novelist concentrating on American history, and the author of 32 books, ranging from strategic analysis to contemporary thrillers.

SPEECHES

Global Affairs and Security Peters delivers lectures on the global strategic environment---with special emphasis on Russia, the greater Middle East, Europe and Islamist terrorism---with integration of current international and security issues.

Foreign Policy Peters focuses on how various foreign-policy challenges interact. In his speeches, he provides innovative and alternative views on the global future and how to cope with it.

BOOKS

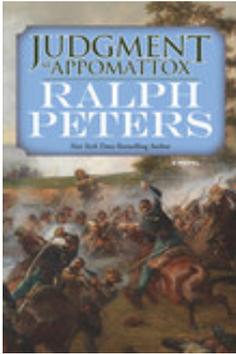


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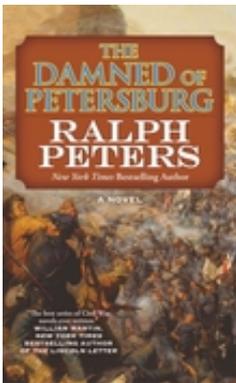


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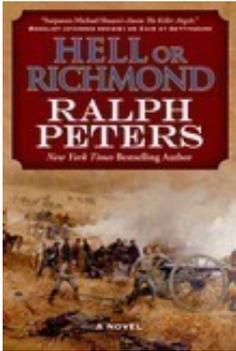
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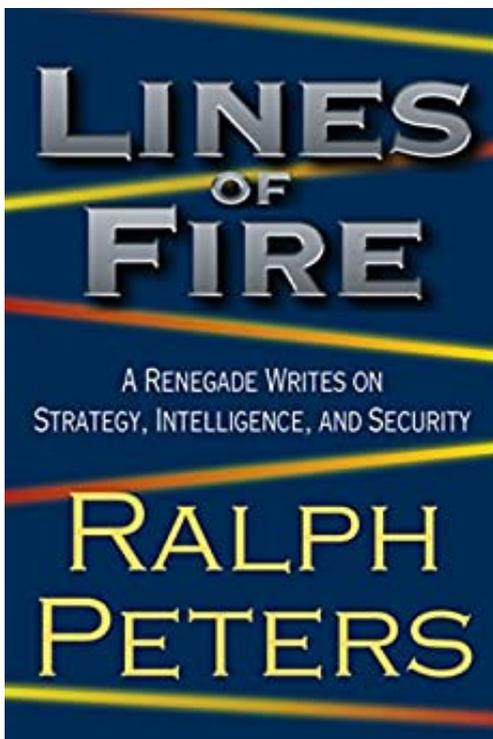
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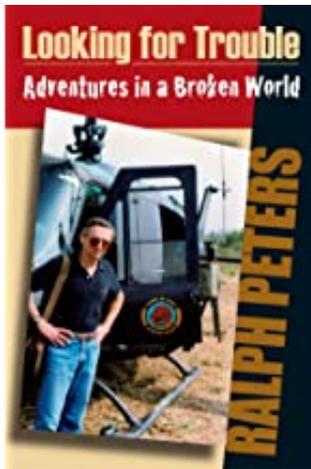
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REVIEWS: Praise for *Valley of the Shadow* “Those who enjoy Bruce Catton's and Shelby Foote's Civil War histories will find a fictional equal in Peters . . . a superlative novel.”

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“Ralph Peters makes history come alive. His vivid prose captures the burdens of command, the horrors and exhilarations of combat, the hopes and fears of the soldiers—all with deep respect for historical accuracy. Grant and Lee, Meade and Longstreet, Sheridan and Gordon, and so many other historical figures emerge from these pages as living, breathing human beings, teeming with the range of motives and emotions that mark the human condition.”

— Richard J. Sommers, author of *Richmond Redeemed: The Siege of Petersburg*

“Ralph Peters makes you see, taste, smell and hear battle and brings to vivid life the long-dead warriors who fought the Civil War. His award-winning Civil War series is fascinating reading.”

— Stephen Coonts, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Art of War*