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The collapse of the Soviet Union ushered in American global hegemony in world affairs. In the post-Cold War period, both Democrat and Republican governments intervened, fought insurgencies, and changed regimes. In *America's Wars*, Thomas Henriksen explores how America tried to remake the world by militarily invading a host of nations beset with civil wars, ethnic cleansing, brutal dictators, and devastating humanitarian conditions. The immediate post-Cold War years saw the United States carrying out interventions in the name of Western-style democracy, humanitarianism, and liberal internationalism in Panama, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Later, the 9/11 terrorist attacks led America into larger-scale military incursions to defend itself from further assaults by al Qaeda in Afghanistan and from perceived nuclear arms in Iraq, while fighting small-footprint conflicts in Africa, Asia, and Arabia. This era is coming to an end with the resurgence of great power rivalry and rising threats from China and Russia.

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Abbreviations

AFP	Armed Forces of the Philippines
AFRICOM	United States Africa Command
AMISOM	African Union Mission in Somalia
ANA	Afghan National Army
ANDSF	Afghan National Defense and Security Forces
AQAP	al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula
AQIM	al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb
ASG	Abu Sayyaf Group
CENTCOM	United States Central Command
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CJTF-HOA	Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa
COIN	counterinsurgency
CPA	Coalition Provisional Authority
CT	counterterrorism
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas
FRY	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
GDP	gross domestic product
GWOT	Global War on Terrorism
ICU	Islamic Courts Union
IED	improvised explosive device
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
ISI	Pakistani Inter-Service Intelligence
ISIS	Islamic State of Iraq and Syria
IS-K	Islamic State – Khorasan
JSOC	Joint Special Operations Command
JSOTF	Joint Special Operations Task Force – Philippines
KLA	Kosovo Liberation Army
LDK	Democratic League of Kosovo
MOOTW	military operations other than war
NCO	non-commissioned officer
OIF	Operation Iraqi Freedom

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PDF	Panamanian Defense Force
PMF	Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces
RMA	Revolution in Military Affairs
SDF	Syrian Democratic Forces
SFA	Security Force Assistance policy
SFAB	Security Force Assistance Brigade
SOF	United States Special Operations Forces
SOUTHCOM	United States Southern Command
TFG	Transitional Federal Government of Somalia
UNMIH	United Nations Mission in Haiti
WMD	weapons of mass destruction