

Summary: Known and Unknown: Review and Analysis of Donald Rumsfeld's Book

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Discover the enhanced e-book edition of *Known and Unknown* offering an unprecedented reading experience for a memoir by a major public figure. For web-connected readers, it features more than 500 links to never-before-available original documents from Donald Rumsfeld's extensive personal archive. It includes State Department cables, correspondence, and memoranda on topics such as Vietnam, Watergate, the days following 9/11, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and much more. Like Donald Rumsfeld, *Known and Unknown* pulls no punches. With the same directness that defined his career in public service, Rumsfeld's memoir is filled with previously undisclosed details and insights about the Bush administration, 9/11, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. *Known and Unknown* reveals what happened behind the scenes during the critical moments of the Bush years, as the President's inner circle debated how best to defend our country. It is based not only on Rumsfeld's memory but also on hundreds of previously unreleased documents from throughout his career. It also features his blunt, firsthand opinions about some of the world's best-known figures, from Margaret Thatcher to Elvis Presley, from Henry Kissinger to Colin Powell, and about each American president from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George W. Bush. In a famous press briefing, Rumsfeld once remarked in his book that's coming out tomorrow says that Bush asked him to work on plans for invading Iraq just 15 days after 9-11 and that he was more interested in Iraq than Afghanistan. Rumsfeld blames Bremer for the mistake of not getting out of Iraq soon after the invasion. On 11, 2001, President George W. Bush invited his defense secretary, Donald H. Rumsfeld, to meet with him alone in the Oval Office. According to Mr. Rumsfeld's new memoir, the president leaned back in his leather chair and ordered a review and revision of war plans "but not for Afghanistan, where the Qaeda attacks on New York and Washington had been planned and where American retaliation was imminent." <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/02/03/us/politics/rumsfeld-book.html> &st=cse.

Known and Unknown: A Memoir is an autobiographical book by Donald Rumsfeld, an American politician and businessman who served as Secretary of Defense from 1975 to 1977 and again from 2001 to 2006 (among many other positions). He published it through Penguin Group USA in February 2011. It covers a variety of his experiences such as working as a Republican in the U.S. House in the late-1960s, serving in the Ford Administration during the Watergate and Vietnam crises, and serving during the George W