



Misunderstanding Mars and Minerva: The Canadian Army's Failure to Define an Operational Doctrine (Paperback)

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Biblioscholar, United States, 2012. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Between 1993 and 1995, while serving as the secretary of the Canadian Land Force Doctrine and Tactics Board, the author participated extensively in the process of doctrinal change which eventually resulted in the publishing of new capstone operational and tactical level doctrine manuals in 1996-1997. These manuals introduce manoeuvre warfare as the official doctrine of the Army. Adoption of manoeuvre warfare came after years of sporadic debate over revision of the 1985 Combat Systems Studies - which focused exclusively upon a defensive scenario in central Europe. The end of the Cold War and the withdrawal of Canadian troops from Germany in 1993 made the operational context of the Systems Studies irrelevant, leading to a search for new doctrine. The theory of manoeuvre warfare emerged as an attractive alternative. This monograph examines whether or not manoeuvre warfare is an appropriate operational doctrine for the Canadian Army in 2000 and beyond. The research emphasized a counterintuitive approach, critically examining the theory of manoeuvre warfare by investigating its origins and evolution in western military thinking. Four categories of documentary evidence were utilized: contemporary doctrine publications (US,...



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