

On the Causes of War

won the 1999 National Peace Writing Award

-- The outstanding work on Peace in North America in 1999.

James (Dick) Bennett, Professor Emeritas of Literature at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, immediate past President of the College English Teachers Association, and Director of the National Peace Writing Award Foundation.

-- "On the Causes of War" is a remarkable book, offering a wide-ranging, balanced, and comprehensive examination of an enormously complex topic. Although specific historical examples are cited, this is not another history of warfare. Rather, it discusses the fundamental reasons why humans throughout history, in all cultures, have waged war with one another. Classic works in the literature of war by Sun Tzu, Thucydides, von Clausewitz, and others are reviewed along with the theories of more recent authors. Also presented are findings from interviews with over 70 people who know war well: scholars who have studied war and peace, senior diplomats, high ranking professional soldiers, and prominent peace activists. Their diverse views provide a framework for the author's own thoughtful analysis and conclusions about principal causes -- each of which warrents a complete chapter.

Clearly, the author gives us much food for thought. His arguments about the abyss of modern warfare -- and what we must do to avoid it -- are compelling.

Jack Johnson, Ph.D., Major (ret.) U.S. Army, military historian and curator,
Minnesota Military Museum.

-- Michael Andregg's superb book "On the Causes of War" deals with many topics vital to his subject that other authors fail or are afraid to treat, and it does so clearly and directly. He deals with the real world of power, both open and covert, not just with an ideal world of theory.

David W. Smith, Professor of Theology and Director of the Justice and Peace Studies Program at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul Minnesota.

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