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# A Fierce Domain: Conflict In Cyberspace, 1986 To 2012



## Synopsis

A Fierce Domain: Conflict in Cyberspace, 1986-2012 is the first book of its kind- a comprehensive, accessible history of cyber conflict. A Fierce Domain reaches back to look at the major "wake-up calls," the major conflicts that have forced the realization that cyberspace is a harsh place where nations and others contest for superiority. The book identifies the key lessons for policymakers, and, most importantly, where these lessons greatly differ from popular myths common in military and political circles.

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Atlantic Council CCSA 2013 - 352 Pages - \$ 24.00 This book, edited by Jason Healey, currently director of the Cyber Statecraft Initiative of the Atlantic Council, provides us with the first military history of cyber conflict. A study of this kind was still missing and provides an historical perspective on cyber conflict that will help policymakers and military leaders to learn from the past (one of the main points of the book is that it IS possible to learn from history in this domain, a point not so obvious given the usual focus on technologies in this field). The work goes on to debunk a few other myths about cyber conflict as we will see. "A fierce domain" complements a chronological history of cyber conflicts from 1986 to 2012 with three chapters of in-depth case studies of famous conflicts, from the "Cuckoo's Egg" and Morris worm in the 1980s, on to SOLAR SUNRISE and Moonlight Maze, the Estonian and Georgian incidents in the first decade of the century and finally to Stuxnet. The history of cyber conflict is interpreted by the author as divided into three periods: the

"Realization" (from the beginnings to 1998), the "Take off" of organizations and concepts (from 1998 to 2003) and the "Militarization" (from 2003 onward). This interpretation will maybe be challenged in the future but it is a very useful tool that put for the first time some order into a very fragmented and somewhat obscure domain -obscure also because a lot of information is probably still classified. Several first hand contributes ("In their own words") from key people involved in the various U.S. organizations involved in cyber along the years round up the content and also give the reader a "sneak peek" behind the scenes .

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