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Singer has served as a consultant for the US Military, Intelligence Community, and FBI. He was coordinator of the Obama campaign’s defense policy task force, named to the US Military’s Transformation Advisory Group, NATO’s Innovation Advisory Board (for unmanned maritime systems), the NSA’s Advisory Board, and is an Associate with the US Air Force’s China Aerospace Studies Institute. He is also an adjunct professor in the United States Air Force (USAF) Airman Development and Applied Research program. In addition to his work on conflict issues, Singer was a member of the State Department’s Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information Policy, and an advisor to IDS and Zignal. In the entertainment sector, he has advised a range of programs, including for Warner Brothers, Dreamworks, Universal, HBO, Discovery, History Channel, and the video game series Call of Duty, the best-selling entertainment project in history. He has received awards/ support from the Tribeca Film Institute, Sloan Filmmakers Fund, Film Independent, and FAST Track at the L.A. Film Festival. An entrepreneur in the non-profit space, among the programs he has helped found are the Cyber Citizenship project, ShareTheMicInCyber fellowship, Cyber Hollywood, the 21st Century Security Initiative, and the US-Islamic World Forum.

His first book [Corporate Warriors: The Rise of the Privatized Military Industry](#) pioneered the study of the new industry of private companies providing military services for hire, an issue that soon became important with the use and abuses of these companies in Iraq. It was named best book of the year by the American Political Science Association, among the top five international affairs books of the year by the Gelber Prize, and a “top ten summer read” by Businessweek. Singer advised the Defense Department, CIA, and the European Union on the issue and helped bring to light the role of private contractors in the Abu Ghraib prison abuse scandal and the Halliburton controversies in Iraq.

[Children at War](#) was the first to comprehensively explore the tragic rise of child soldier groups and was recognized by the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Book of the Year Award. Singer subsequently served as a consultant on the issue to the Marine Corps, and the recommendations in his book resulted in changes in the UN peacekeeping training program. An accompanying *History Channel* documentary, “Child Warriors,” won a CINE Golden Eagle Award for excellence in the production of film and television.

[Wired for War](#) examined the implications of robotics and other new technologies for war, politics, ethics, and law in the 21st century. Described as “awesome” by Jon Stewart of the Daily Show, *Wired for War* made the *NY Times* non-fiction bestseller list in its first week of release. It was named a non-fiction



Book of the Year by *The Financial Times* and featured at venues as diverse as all three US military academies, The Festival of Dangerous Ideas, TED, and the royal court of the UAE.

[Cybersecurity and Cyberwar: What Everyone Needs to Know](#) explores the key questions we all face in the cyber age (how it all works, why it all matters, and what we can do?). It was described by the Chairman of Google as “an essential read” and by the former Supreme Allied Commander of NATO as “the most approachable and readable book ever written on the cyber world.” The book was featured at venues ranging from the Microsoft CEO Summit to the South by Southwest festival.

[Ghost Fleet: A Novel of the Next World War](#) melds nonfiction style research on emerging trends and technology with a fictional exploration of what the future of war at sea, on land, in the air, space, and cyberspace will be like in the future. Described as “a modern-day successor to tomes such as *The Hunt For Red October* from the late Tom Clancy.” (*USA Today*) and “A Wild Ride” (*The Economist*), it went through 6 print runs in its first 6 weeks of release. Its new model of “useful fiction” has been endorsed by a unique group that ranges from the head of the US Navy to the writer of HBO *Game of Thrones* and the producer of *Hunger Games*.

[LikeWar](#) explores how social media has changed war and politics, and war and politics has changed social media. It was named an *Amazon* book of the year, a *NY Times* “new and notable,” and reviewed by *Booklist* as “LikeWar should be required reading for everyone living in a democracy and all who aspire to.”

His latest book is [Burn-In: A Novel of the Real Robotic Revolution](#). Out on May 26, 2020, it has been described by the creator of *Lost* and *Watchmen* as “A visionary new form of storytelling—a rollercoaster ride of science fiction blended with science fact.” and by the head of Army Cyber Command as “I loved Burn-In so much that I’ve already read it twice.” The authors have been invited to share the project’s lessons with leaders who ranged from multiple heads of state, including the US president-elect, to Cabinet members, 4-star generals, US Senators, Fortune 100 C-suites and leading venture capitalists. Prior to his current position, Dr. Singer was the founding Director of the Center for 21st Century Security and Intelligence at the Brookings Institution. He was the youngest scholar named Senior Fellow in Brookings’ 102-year history. Prior to that, he was the founding Director of the Project on US Policy Towards the Islamic World, where he was the organizer of the *US-Islamic World Forum*, a global leaders conference. He has also worked for the Office of the Secretary of Defense, as a contributing editor at *Popular Science*, and at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard. Singer received his Ph.D. in Government from Harvard and a BA from the School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton.