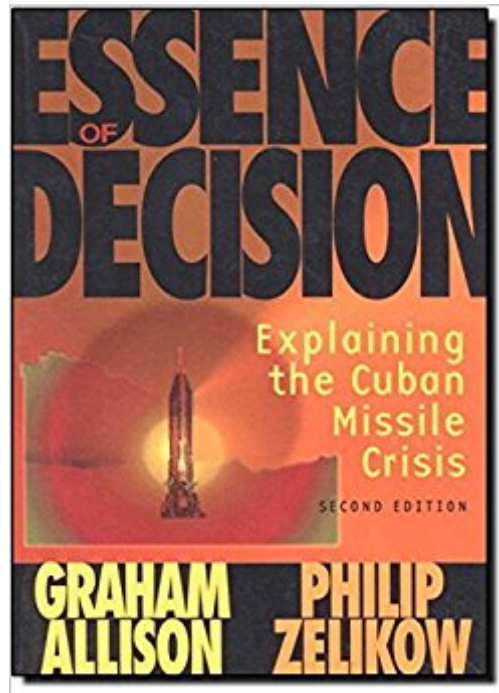




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I cannot think of a single more important book, in any discipline, that has helped me understand

another party's point of view and decision-making. Its application to real-world situations is almost without limit: incredible that even a topic as important as the Cuban Missile Crisis is almost pushed to the background. Oddly, the models of decision-making are so universal, the extra historical information added to the earlier edition, which I read decades ago, are almost a distraction. If that is a "criticism" of the book, then you can take it that way, but it is only when compared to the universality of the principles of decision-making stated.

Great book - I learned a lot about the players and times. The authors evaluate three decisions (to place missiles in Cuba, to blockade and to withdraw the missiles) in terms of three theories of decision making (individual actor, as an organization and as a political outcome) all of which have implications for current issues. I would highly recommend this for both students of history and decision-making.

Exactly the product I ordered for great price.

I read this book for a class and was really dreading having to read about the Cuban missile crisis...I was pleasantly surprised. *Essence of Decision* is really well written. It very much discusses a lot of theory yet is easy to understand and enjoy! I read it in a hurry for class, but I think I'm now going to go back and read it again for fun.

This is the exact book I needed for my Political Science class this fall. The book is required. It was much cheaper online rather than buying from the bookstore. The book itself can be rather boring. It seems like they could have made a chapter about 10 pages, but they are more like 45 pages a chapter. Rather long-winded overall.

One of the seminal books in International Relations/Public Administration/Political Science. Illustrates how different perceptions of similar events are created by positions/locations in government. Illustrates limitations of different levels of analysis. Underscores the roots of bureaucratic behavior.

This is not a detailed history of the Cuban Missile Crisis; it is an overview of the Crisis from a leadership standpoint. Nevertheless, it is an excellent companion volume to any detailed history of the event you choose to read. I read this book during a grad school leadership course and

thoroughly enjoyed it.

Another great book for history buffs, and those who lived through the Cuban missile crisis, where we came within inches of the 'war to end all wars' as well as the human race ... World War III ...

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