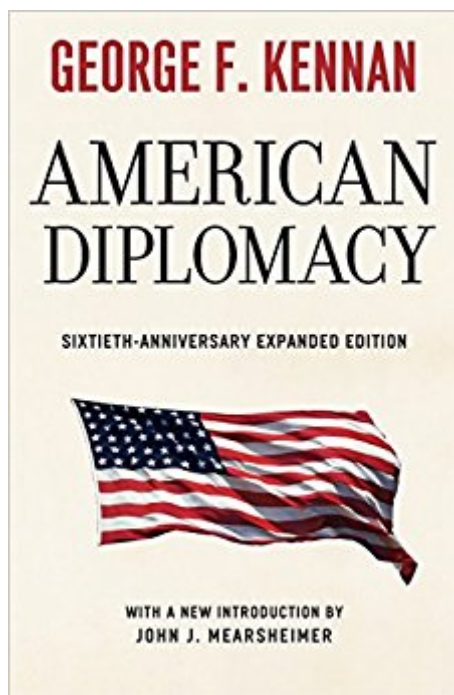




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George F. Kennan (1905–2005) was former ambassador to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, and professor in the School of Historical Studies at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

George Kennon is a gifted writer and a forward thinking theorist. His influence in American foreign policy during the Cold War is likely a major contributing factor to the eventual defeat of Russian Communism.

Excelent book.

Required reading for anyone interested in Foreign Policy in the United States. Also an excellent primary piece of academic history.

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fast and good!

The 2012 "expanded" edition does not appear to have anything by Kennan that was not in the earlier 1984 edition, so if you have that, or have read that, you would only be interested in this for the lengthy "substantial new introduction by John J. Mearsheimer."

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