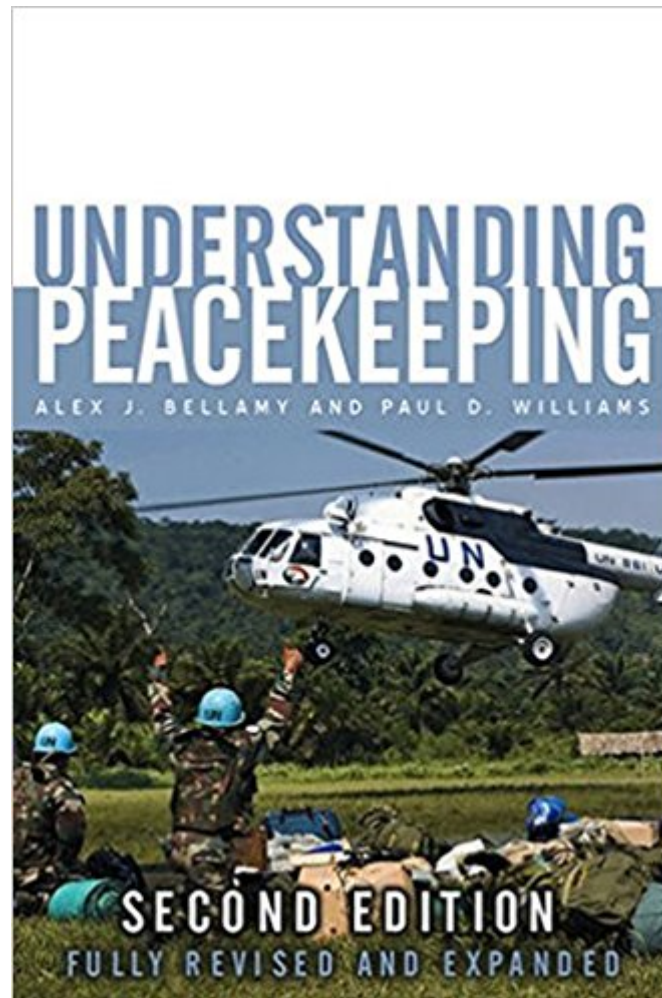


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The paper feels really good
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Broad coverage of topics

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The book is a brick. If you want to carry it everywhere (which I basically do), you'll need to start working out

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