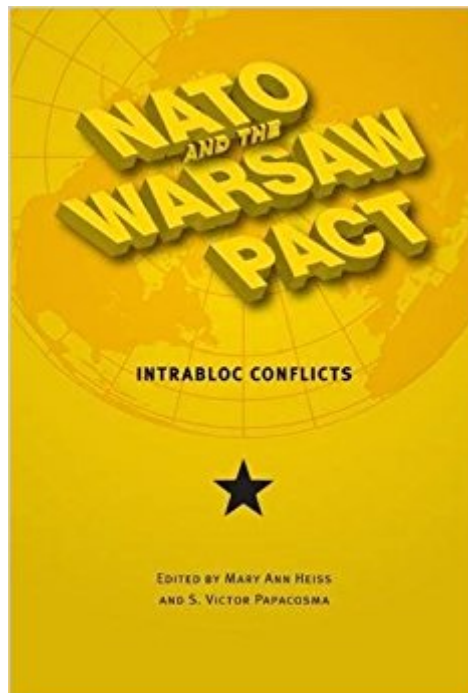




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Fun book that lays out the problems and concerns with both alliances. Really goes deeper than just the standard survey of both alliances and opens the door to a deeper understanding of how the states interacted with one another, even in a military alliance where the standard knowledge was that both alliances were lockstep with one another and there was no dissent or problems in either one. Great collection to read for a deeper understanding.

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