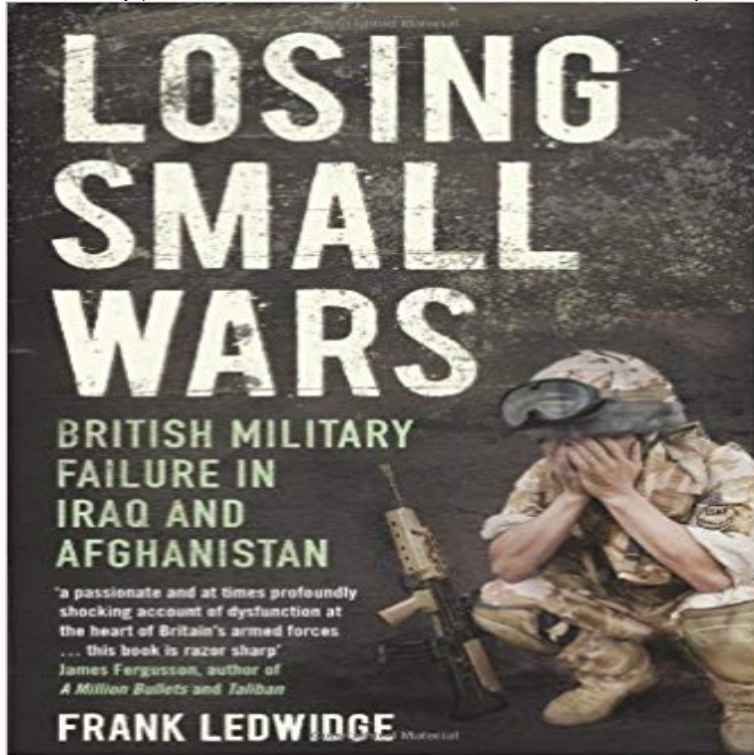


Losing Small Wars: British Military Failure in Iraq and Afghanistan



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