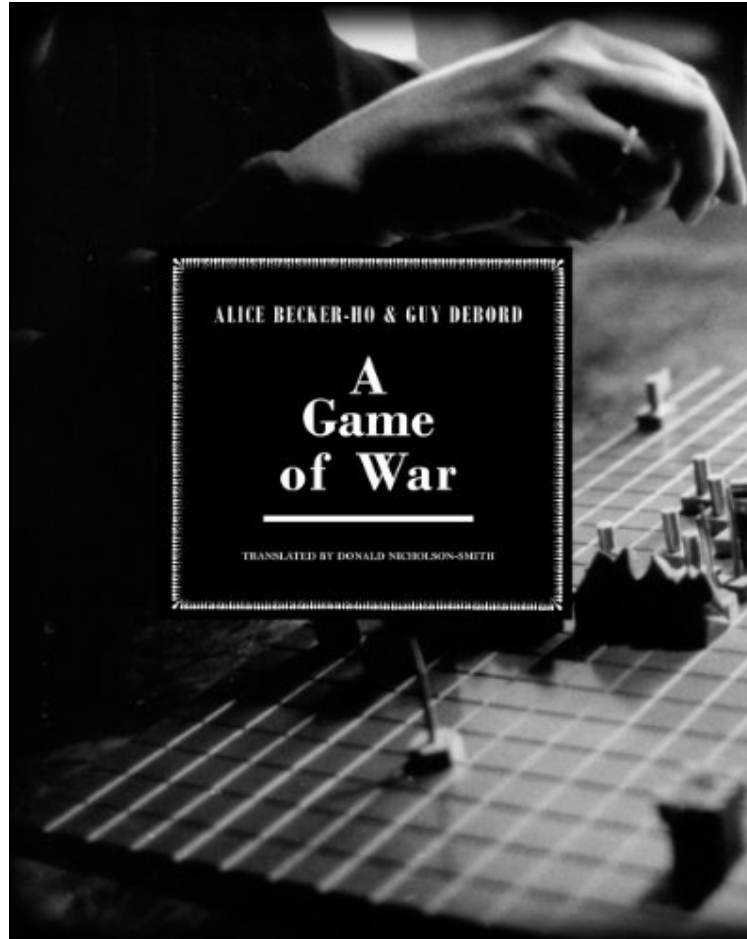


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Founder and theorist of the Situationist International, and author of the massively influential book *The Society of the Spectacle*, Guy Debord (1931-1994) was also a connoisseur of military strategy. In his first volume of autobiography, *Panegyric*, Debord recounted his interest in classical war theory as espoused by the Prussian military theorist, Carl von Clausewitz. Debord devised and wrote the board game and book *A Game of War* in collaboration with his wife, Alice Becker-Ho, who has assisted with the production of this publication. As he writes in *Panegyric*: I have studied the logic of war. Moreover I succeeded, a long time ago, in presenting the basics of its movements on a rather simple board game. I have played this game and, in the often difficult conduct of my life I have utilized lessons from it. The game became Debord's obsession in the years before his suicide in 1994. This first translation of the book (by Donald

Nicholson-Smith, himself a past member of the Situationist group) comes slipcased with the board and counters.