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Sommario/riassunto In a world in which global trade is at risk, where warehouses and

airports, shipping lanes and seaports try to guard against the likes of Al Qaeda and Somali pirates, and natural disaster can disrupt the flow of goods, even our "stuff" has a political life. The high stakes of logistics are not surprising, Deborah Cowen reveals, if we understand its genesis in war. In The Deadly Life of Logistics, Cowen traces the art and science

of logistics over the last sixty years, from the battlefield to the

boardroom and back again. Focusing on choke points such as national borders, zones of piracy, block