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A Simon & Schuster eBook. Simon & Schuster has a great book for every reader. A CIA analyst's "revealing and utterly engrossing account" of the world of high-stakes foreign intelligence and her role within the campaign to stop top-tier targets inside Al-Qaida (Joby Warrick). In 1999, 30-year-old Nada Bakos moved from her lifelong home in Montana to Washington, D.C., to join the CIA. Quickly realizing her affinity for intelligence work, Nada was determined to rise through the ranks of the agency first as an analyst and then as a Targeting Officer, eventually finding herself on the frontline of America's war against Islamic extremists. In this role, Nada was charged with determining if Iraq had a relationship with 9/11 and Al-Qaida, and finding the mastermind behind this terrorist activity: Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. Her team's analysis stood the test of time, but it was not satisfactory for some members of the Administration. In a tight, tension-packed narrative that takes the reader

from Langley deep into Iraq, Bakos reveals the inner workings of the Agency and the largely hidden world of intelligence gathering post 9/11. Entrenched in the world of the CIA, Bakos, along with her colleagues, focused on leading U.S. Special Operations Forces to the doorstep of some of the world's most wanted terrorists. Filled with on-the-ground insights and poignant personal anecdotes, *The Targeter* shows us the great personal sacrifice that comes with intelligence work. This is Nada's story, but it is also an intimate chronicle of how a group of determined, ambitious men and women worked tirelessly in the heart of the CIA to ensure our nation's safety at home and abroad. Explores the United States' hidden interests in Afghanistan, reveals an intricate network of Saudi-based support for Osama bin Laden, and discusses the impact of U.S./Saudi relations upon the War on Terrorism. "As the [al-Qaeda terrorists] charged one wall, three Green Berets leaned over the parapet . . . 'Focus, squeeze, focus, squeeze' they recited quietly . . . Each time the lifeless body of an al-Qaida terrorist would snap back through the desert air and drop onto the sandy courtyard." The war in Afghanistan was the one of the most secret conflicts in recent history; little is known about how it was waged or what really happened - until now. *Task Force Dagger: the Hunt for Bin Laden* plunges the reader into America's War on Terror, from top-secret meetings on the afternoon of September 11, 2001, through to the liberation of Kabul sixty-two days later and the tragedies of Operation Anaconda - as seen through the eyes of the Green Berets on the ground. This is the story of how a few hundred men changed history and destroyed a hundred-thousand-man terrorist army in less than ninety days. Fully updated to include the 2003 war against Iraq and unique accounts of SAS involvement in both campaigns. The Pulitzer Prize winner who first disclosed the massacre at My Lai 4 uncovers the full story of how those involved - from private to general - kept it secret. What he reveals is shocking - from the amorphous but real "West Point Protective Association" to the fact that an extensive closed investigation by the Army itself covered up another massacre by the same unit on the same morning. Former CIA Deputy Director of Counterterrorism and FBI Senior Intelligence Adviser Philip Mudd

recounts his involvement in the fight against Al Qaeda, revealing how intelligence analysts understand and evaluate potential terror threats communicate with political leaders. Easy to read, up-to-the-minute accounts of events in Afghanistan since Operation Enduring Freedom was launched in October 2001 to search for Osama bin Laden. The extraordinary inside story of Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda in the year after 9/11. Following the attacks on the Twin Towers, Osama bin Laden, the most wanted man in the world, eluded intelligence services and Special Forces units for almost a decade. Using remarkable, first-person testimony from bin Laden's family and closest aides, *The Exile* chronicles this astonishing tale of evasion, collusion and isolation. In intimate detail, *The Exile* reveals not only the frantic attack on Afghanistan by the United States in their hunt for bin Laden but also how and why, when they found his family soon after, the Bush administration rejected the chance to stop them. It charts the formation of ISIS, and uncovers the wasted opportunity to kill its Al Qaeda-sponsored founder; it explores the development of the CIA's torture programme; it details Iran's secret shelter for bin Laden's family and Al Qaeda's military council; and it captures the power struggles, paranoia and claustrophobia within the Abbottabad house prior to the raid. A landmark work of investigation and reportage, *The Exile* is as authoritative as it is compelling, and essential reading for anyone concerned with history, security and future relations with the Islamic world. The long and secret effort to track down Osama bin Laden has been called the biggest, costliest manhunt in history. From the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Washington Post*, this reconstruction- compiled from reporting from more than two-dozen *Washington Post* correspondents and staffers from over more than 15 years- traces the hunt from its beginnings in 1997, during the Clinton administration. *THE HUNT FOR BIN LADEN* is a behind-the-scenes narrative that reveals the fourteen-year, billion-dollar effort that brought the hunt to a swift and conclusive end, including: The numerous times CIA agents had bin Laden in their crosshairs prior to 9/11, only to have missions canceled at the last moment. Vivid details of bin Laden's behavior in the wake of the attacks on September 11th. The myriad of

ways he evaded detection in his years on the lam, including his narrow escape from the caves and tunnels of Tora Bora. How the war in Iraq drained resources and diverted the spotlight from the hunt, turning the mission to kill or capture bin Laden into a back-burner operation and a political liability for the Bush administration. It wasn't until the Iraq war began to wind down that the search gained its endgame momentum, as the Post shows, reclassified as a highest priority again by a new president. How increasingly punishing drone attacks, interrogations of captured al-Qaeda operatives, and an ever-expanding network of informants finally began to yield a trail that led to bin Laden's courier, a cell phone interception, and ultimately, bin Laden. Contends that a secret diplomatic oil agreement between the United States and the Taliban thwarted the search for Osama bin Laden and precipitated the September 11 attacks. Original. This is the untold story of the Clinton-Bush admin's. attempts to stabilize Afghanistan & make it safe for U.S. energy co's. to build a pipeline there. Details the secret diplomacy between the Bush admin. & the Taliban from Feb.-Aug. 2001 -- talks that ultimately led the U.S. to make threats that may have helped stoke the 9/11 attacks. This is only part of a much bigger story, however. Reveals how U.S. attempts to hunt for bin Laden & combat Al Qaeda have been compromised by Washington's close ties to the Saudi kingdom -- one of America's biggest suppliers of oil, & one of the U.S. defense industry's biggest clients. Exposes the shady network of Saudi bus. & charities that has nurtured Al Qaeda -- a network linked to the heights of the Saudi kingdom. Osama bin Laden was the most wanted man in American history—an enemy who brought the United States what President George W. Bush called “a day of fire,” and ushered in a new era of terrorism. It took a decade of blood and sacrifice, of determination and frustration, but finally, in a nighttime raid at the end of a dirt road in Pakistan, the hunt for Bin Laden ended with a gunshot. It was a dramatic climax to a long and painful chapter. But now what? The terrorist threat that has defined American policy since the attacks of 9/11 did not die with Bin Laden in his walled compound near Islamabad. Radicals still wish us harm, and we must fight on. In this provocative collection of essays e

and introduced by Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Meacham, a group of penetrating analysts and leaders look ahead to the world after Bin Laden—to the future of Al Qaeda, of Afghanistan, of Pakistan. We explore the political, military, and cultural implications of the post-Bin Laden war on terror. From Richard N. Haass of the Council on Foreign Relations to former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, from historian and journalist Evan Thomas to former U.S. Army officer Andrew Exum, *Beyond Bin Laden* gives readers intelligent, deeply informed, and urgent glimpses of what comes next. Contributors include:

- Jon Meacham, executive editor, Random House
- James A. Baker III, former Secretary of State
- Karen Hughes, former counselor to President George W. Bush and former Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy
- Richard N. Haass, president, Council on Foreign Relations
- Bing West, author, *The Wrong War*, and former Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs
- Andrew Exum, fellow, Center for a New American Security
- Daniel Markey, senior fellow for India, Pakistan, and South Asia, Council on Foreign Relations
- Evan Thomas, award-winning historian and former editor-at-large, *Newsweek*

We all know how the story ends and think we know how it unfolded, but here, for the first time, is the official and authoritative story of the ten-year global search for Osama bin Laden, culminating in the May 2011 raid by U.S. Navy SEALs in Pakistan. Reading like the world's greatest action thriller, and with never-before-read first-person accounts and never-before-seen artifacts, this indispensable resource documents one of the most dramatic missions in American history. Based on the 9/11 Museum's special exhibition, *Revealed* draws on exclusive interviews with President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, CIA Director Leon Panetta, and Admiral William McRaven, the mission commander, all woven together with oral histories from the SEALs who participated in the mission and the intelligence officers and analysts who tracked bin Laden down. Illustrations include surveillance imagery, maps, and the famous model of the Abbottabad compound--built to bluff the president on options and used by the SEAL command to plan the raid--all being made public for the first time. The #1 *New York Times*

bestselling first-person account of the planning and execution of the Bin Laden raid from a Navy SEAL who confronted the terrorist mastermind and witnessed his final moments. From the streets of Iraq to the rescue of Captain Richard Phillips in the Indian Ocean, and from the mountaintops of Afghanistan to the third floor of Osama Bin Laden's compound, operator Mark Owen of the U.S. Naval Special Warfare Development Group—known as SEAL Team Six—has been a part of some of the most memorable special operations in history, as well as countless missions that never made headlines. *No Easy Day* puts readers alongside Owen and his fellow SEAL team members as they train for the biggest mission of their lives. The blow-by-blow narrative of the assault, beginning with the helicopter crash that could have ended Owen's life straight through to the radio call confirming Bin Laden's death, is an essential piece of modern history. In *No Easy Day*, Owen also takes readers into the War on Terror and details the formation of the most elite units in the military. Owen's story draws on his youth in Alaska and describes the SEALs' quest to challenge themselves at the highest level of physical and mental endurance. With boots-on-the-ground detail, Owen describes several missions that illustrate the life and work of a SEAL and the evolution of the team after the events of September 11. In telling the true story of the SEALs whose talents, skills, experiences, and exceptional sacrifices led to one of the greatest victories in the War on Terror, Mark Owen honors the men who risk everything for our country and he leaves readers with a deep understanding of the warriors who keep America safe. Three years before the events of 9/11, Osama bin Laden sent al Qaeda suicide bombers on a coordinated attack to destroy the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. That day, August 7, 1998, more than two hundred people were killed and thousands were wounded. Responding immediately, the FBI launched the largest international investigation in its history. Within months, suspects were arrested in six countries. The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York indicted twenty-two individuals, including the elusive bin Laden. In February 2001 a landmark trial of four of the accused was held in Manhattan in the shadow of the World Trade Center.

Al Qaeda Declares War: The African Embassy Bombings and America's Search for Justice explores the step-by-step procedures the United States employed in analyzing these attacks, identifying the suspects, tracking them down and apprehending them, building a case, and prosecuting them. It is this case that established the legal basis for hunting down bin Laden and the trial makes for a gripping courtroom drama, in which the robust principles of American justice confront the fanaticism of true believers. Tod Hoffman argues forcefully that the process after the 1998 incidents stands in marked contrast to the illegal detention, torture, and abrogation of rights that followed 9/11. Indeed, reverberations from the African embassy bombings continue in the ongoing hunt for perpetrators still large, and in targeted killings by drones. Al Qaeda Declares War dramatically recounts the terror and bloodshed of that day in Africa and shows that America's search for justice afterward offers important lessons for today. Depicts in graphic novel form America's search for the terrorist and Al Qaeda leader, from the initial order to find him issued by President George W. Bush to the U.S. Navy SEALs who found him in Pakistan 10 years later. Original. 50,000 first printing A historical account of the manhunt for Osama bin Laden, including the events leading up to his death in 2011, the people involved, and the ways al Qaeda and other terrorist groups have changed modern warfare. Describes the campaigns of American Green Berets in Afghanistan in the period following the September 11 terrorist attacks as they overcame Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces and sent them fleeing. Electrifying investigation of White House lies about the assassination of Osama bin Laden In 2011, an elite group of US Navy SEALs stormed an enclosure in the Pakistani city of Abbottabad and killed Osama bin Laden, the man the United States had begun chasing before the devastating attacks of 9/11. The news did much to boost President Obama's first term and played a major part in his reelection victory of the following year. But much of the story of that night, as presented to the world, was incomplete or a lie. The evidence of what actually went on remains hidden. At the same time, the full story of the United States' involvement in the Syrian civil war has been kept behind a diplomatic curtain, concealed by

doublespeak. It is a policy of obfuscation that has compelled the White House to turn a blind eye to Turkey's involvement in supporting ISIS and its predecessors in Syria. This investigation, which began as a series of essays in the London Review of Books, has ignited a firestorm of controversy in the world media. In his introduction, Hersh asks what will be the legacy of Obama's time in office. Was it an era of "change we can believe in" or a season of lies and compromises that continued George W. Bush's misconceived War on Terror? How did he lose the confidence of the general in charge of America's forces who acted in direct contradiction to the White House? What else do we not know? A "behind-the-scenes account of the 116 days leading up to the Americans attacking Hiroshima"--Dust jacket flap. The gripping account of the decade-long hunt for the world's most wanted man. It was only a week before 9/11 that Peter Bergen turned in the manuscript of *Holy War, Inc.*, the story of Osama bin Laden--whom Bergen had once interviewed in a mud hut in Afghanistan--and his declaration of war on America. The book became a New York Times bestseller and the essential portrait of the most formidable terrorist enterprise of our time. Now, in *Manhunt*, Bergen picks up the thread with this taut yet panoramic account of the pursuit and killing of bin Laden. Here are riveting new details of bin Laden's flight after the crushing defeat of the Taliban to Tora Bora, where American forces came startlingly close to capturing him, and of the fugitive leader's attempts to find a secure hiding place. As the only journalist to gain access to bin Laden's Abbottabad compound before the Pakistani government demolished it, Bergen paints a vivid picture of bin Laden's grim, Spartan life in hiding and his struggle to maintain control of al-Qaeda even as American drones systematically picked off his key lieutenants. Half a world away, CIA analysts haunted by the intelligence failures that led to 9/11 and the WMD fiasco pored over the tiniest of clues before homing in on the man they called "the Kuwaiti"--who led them to a peculiar building with twelve-foot-high walls and security cameras less than a mile from a Pakistani military academy. This was the courier who would unwittingly steer them to bin Laden, now a prisoner of his own making but still plotting to devastate the United States. Bergen



takes us inside the Situation Room, where President Obama considers COAs (courses of action) presented by his war council and receives conflicting advice from his top advisors before deciding to risk the raid that would change history--and then inside the Joint Special Operations Command, whose "secret warriors," the SEALs, would execute Operation Neptune Spear. From the moment two Black Hawks take off from Afghanistan until bin Laden utters his last words, Manhunt reads like a thriller. Based on exhaustive research and unprecedented access to White House officials, CIA analysts, Pakistani intelligence, and the military, this is the definitive account of ten years in pursuit of bin Laden and of the twilight of al-Qaeda. A secret truth: On the early morning of August 16, 2006, Osama bin Laden was arrested in Brooklyn by the New York FBI Terrorism Task Force. They were acting on a tip called in by Barbara Janik. Janik tells her story: Chasing bin Laden takes readers along with Janik on an emotional journey through the hidden world of lay investigations, which is charged with high-stakes puzzle solving, Arabic message boards, and anxiety-provoking collaborations with the FBI. A Pulitzer prize-winning journalist backs her up! In The Killing of Osama bin Laden, Seymour Hersh states that "bin Laden was a prisoner of the ISI [Pakistani intelligence] at the Abbottabad compound since 2006..." What does this mean? Janik's memoir tells the story of how, when, and where Osama bin Laden was arrested. He was likely transferred in 2006 from the United States to the compound in Pakistan where he remained in custody until the 2011 raid. But how does Janik know this stuff? Janik, who is a historian, computer expert, and former adjunct professor, is a master at research and "Google-fu". She worked with the FBI. The truth of the arrest was revealed to her by the FBI through a series of cloak-and-dagger phone conversations. Yet, can she prove she isn't making this up? On her website, Janik has uploaded phone records and emails showing the times and content of her conversations with the FBI. There is also a PDF of message board conversations from early 2007. She's been telling the same story since 2006. Want to know more? Click "Add to Cart". You won't regret it. The U.S. Department of State presents the September 18, 2001 article

"Islamic State of Afghanistan Willing to Hunt Bin Laden," written by Judy Aita. The article notes that the Afghan ambassador to the United Nations states that the Northern Alliance, which opposes the Taliban, is ready to cooperate with the United States to find Saudi Arabian exile and suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden (1957- ). The U.S. government believes that bin Laden is responsible for the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States. The Taliban control most of Afghanistan. Following Chris Wallace's "riveting" (The New York Times) and "propulsive" (Time) #1 national bestseller Countdown 1945 comes a deeply reported, revelatory, and thrillingly told account of the final months of the hunt for Osama bin Laden. On August 27, 2010, three CIA officers ask for a private meeting with CIA Director Leon Panetta. During that secret session, they tell Panetta that agents have tracked a courier with deep Al Qaeda ties to a three-story house at the end of a dead end street in Abbottabad, Pakistan. But they say it's more than a house--it's a heavily protected fortress. No one in the meeting says the name bin Laden. They don't have to. Everyone understands that finally, after nearly a decade, maybe, just maybe, they've found the world's most wanted man. In Countdown bin Laden, celebrated journalist and anchor of Fox News Sunday Chris Wallace delivers a thrilling new account of the final eight months of intelligence gathering, national security strategizing, and meticulous military planning that leads to the climactic mission when SEAL Team Six closes in on its target. The book delivers new information collected from Wallace's in-depth interviews with more than a dozen central figures, including Admiral William McRaven--leader of the operation in Pakistan--as well as CIA Director Panetta, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, National Security Adviser Tom Donilon, and two members of SEAL Team Six who participate in the raid, including the Special Operator who kills Osama bin Laden. Wallace also brings to life the human elements of this story by talking to families who lost loved ones on 9/11; sharing what relatives of SEAL Team Six went through; and bringing us inside the tense Situation Room during the raid. Published on the twentieth anniversary of 9/11, Countdown bin Laden is a historical thriller filled with intrigue,

cinematic action, and fresh reporting about the race to apprehend and bring to justice the architect of the most consequential terrorist attack in American history. 'If you see the Black Banners coming from Khurasan, join that army, even if you have to crawl over ice; no power will be able to stop them' Hadith attributed to the Prophet Muhammad The Black Banners is the ultimate insider's account of the realities of counter-terrorism. During a decade on the front lines, as the FBI's lead investigator into Al Qaeda, Ali Soufan thwarted plots around the world and won some of the most important confessions from terrorists - w laying so much as a hand on them. Most of these stories have never been reported before, and never by anyone with such intimate firsthand knowledge. Soufan takes us into the interrogation rooms, into the hideouts. He even gives us a ringside seat at bin Laden's personal celebration of the 9/11 bombings. This is a gripping blow-by-blow account of the ten-year hunt for the most dangerous and well-connected Islamic terrorists - some of whom are still at large. In The Black Banners Soufan also explains why the pervasive use of torture is not helping in the 'War on Terror', and how a more enlightened approach to intelligence is not only possible, but essential. This is a story not just of intrigue and bravery, but of empathy. He shows us how terrorists think and operate. And he shows that through this understanding, they can be stopped and finally brought to justice. Ali Soufan knows the truth about the successes and failures of countering terrorism. His knowledge is essential to us all. From Mark Bowden, the preeminent chronicler of our military and special forces, comes The Finish, a gripping account of the hunt for Osama bin Laden. With access to key sources, Bowden takes us inside the rooms where decisions were made and on the ground where the action unfolded. After masterminding the attacks of September 11, 2001, Osama bin Laden managed to vanish. Over the next ten years, as Bowden shows, America found that its war with al Qaeda--a scattered group of individuals who were almost impossible to track--demanded an innovative approach. Step by step, Bowden describes the development of a new tactical strategy to fight this war--the fusion of intel from various agencies and on-the-ground special ops. After thousands of special fo

missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, the right weapon to go after bin Laden had finally evolved. By Spring 2011, intelligence pointed to a compound in Abbottabad; it was estimated that there was a 50/50 chance that Osama was there. Bowden shows how three strategies were mooted: a drone strike, a precision bombing, or an assault by Navy SEALs. In the end, the President had to make the final decision. It was time for the finish. The definitive account of the decade-long pursuit and capture of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the terrorist mastermind of 9/11. Only minutes after United 175 plowed into the World Trade Center's South Tower, people in positions of power correctly suspected who was behind the assault: Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda. But it would be 18 months after September 11 before investigators would capture the actual mastermind of the attacks, the man behind bin Laden himself. That monster is the man who got his hands dirty while Osama fled; the man who was responsible for setting up Al Qaeda's global networks, who personally identified and trained its terrorists, and who personally flew bomb parts on commercial airlines to test their invisibility. That man withstood waterboarding and years of other intense interrogations, not only denying Osama's whereabouts but making a literal game of the proceedings, after leading his pursuers across the globe and back. That man is Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and he is still, to this day, the most significant Al Qaeda terrorist in captivity. In *The Hunt for KSM*, Terry McDermott and Josh Meyer go deep inside the US government's dogged but flawed pursuit of this elusive and dangerous man. One pair of agents chased him through countless false leads and narrow escapes for five years before 9/11. And now, drawing on a decade of investigative reporting and unprecedented access to hundreds of key sources, many of whom have never spoken publicly -- as well as jihadis and members of KSM's family and support network -- this is a heart-pounding trip inside the dangerous, classified world of counterterrorism and espionage. Selection of materials on the structure, activities and experiences of US special forces. Includes a history of the inter-service Joint Special Operations Command, a recent posture statement on U.S. special operations forces, a joint Army-Air Force field manual describing

guidelines for military operations in low-intensity conflict, a critique of the Army Ranger engagement in Somalia, and other documents describing particular missions and tools relevant to the deployment in Afghanistan. This is the inside story of the first, thwarted mission to find and kill the most wanted man in the world — an operation of such magnitude that it couldn't be handled by just any military or intelligence force. The best America had to offer was needed. As such, the task was handed to roughly forty members of America's supersecret counterterrorist unit formerly known as 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta; more popularly, the elite and mysterious unit Delta Force. Delta's orders were to go into harm's way and prove to the world that Osama bin Laden had been terminated. These Delta warriors had help: a dozen of the British Queen's elite commandos, another dozen or so Army Green Berets, and six intelligence operatives from the CIA who laid the groundwork by providing cash, guns, bullets, intelligence, and interrogation skills to this clandestine military force. Together, this team waged a modern siege of epic proportions against bin Laden and his seemingly impenetrable cave sanctuary burrowed deep inside the Spin Ghar Mountain range in eastern Afghanistan. Over the years, since the battle ended, scores of news stories have surfaced offering tidbits of information about what actually happened at Tora Bora. Most of it is conjecture and speculation. This is the real story of that operation, the first eyewitness account of the Battle of Tora Bora. It details just how close Delta Force came to capturing bin Laden the first time around, how close US bombers and fighter aircraft came to killing him, and exactly why he slipped through the US's fingers. Lastly, this is an extremely rare account of the shadowy world of Delta Force, and a detailed account of these warriors in battle. This latest edition has been released with a new introduction written by the author, dealing with bin Laden's killing by SEAL Team Six on 2 May 2011. A former senior advisor at U.S. Special Operations Command recounts the history of the United States' ongoing battle against al-Qaida, describing investigations conducted by the combined efforts of the CIA, FBI and MI5 and the shifting alliances between terrorist groups. 30,000 first printing. Details the search for

Osama bin Laden that began after the September 11 terrorist attacks ended with a raid on his compound in May 2011. In *Jawbreaker* Gary Berntsen, until recently one of the CIA's most decorated officers, comes out from under cover for the first time to describe his no-holds-barred pursuit of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda. With his unique mix of clandestine knowledge and paramilitary training, Berntsen represents the new face of counterterrorism. Recognized within the agency for his aggressiveness, Berntsen, when dispatched to Afghanistan, made annihilating the enemy his job description. As the CIA's key commander coordinating the fight against the Taliban forces around Kabul, and the drive toward Tora Bora, Berntsen not only led dozens of CIA and Special Operations Forces, he also raised 2,000 Afghan fighters to aid in the hunt for bin Laden. In this first-person account of that incredible pursuit, which actually began years earlier in an East Africa bombing investigation, Berntsen describes being ferried by rickety helicopter over the towering peaks of Afghanistan, sitting by General Tommy Franks's side as heated negotiations were conducted with Northern Alliance generals, bargaining relentlessly with treacherous Afghan warlords and Taliban traitors, plotting to save hostages about to be used as pawns, calling in B-52 strikes on dug-in enemy units, and deploying a dizzying array of Special Forces teams in the pursuit of the world's most wanted terrorist. Most crucially, Berntsen tells of cornering bin Laden in the Tora Bora mountains—and what happened when Berntsen begged Washington to block the al-Qaeda leader's last avenue of escape. As disturbingly eye-opening as it is adrenaline-charged, *Jawbreaker* races from CIA war rooms to diplomatic offices to mountaintop redoubts to paint a vivid portrait of a new kind of warfare, showing what can and should be done to deal a death blow to freedom's enemies. CIA Commander Gary Berntsen on... His eyebrow-raising style: "Most CIA Case Officers advanced their careers by recruiting sources and producing intelligence, I took a more grab-them-by-the-neck approach...I operate on the principle that it was easier to seek forgiveness than ask for approval. Take risks, but make sure you're successful. Success, not good intentions, would determine my fate." Doing whatever it took: "I didn't

just want to survive: I wanted to annihilate the enemy. And I didn't want to end up like one of my favorite historical characters—Alexander Burns...He was one of the first of more than 14,000 British soldiers to be wiped out by the Afghans in the First Afghan War. Like Burns before me, I was also an intelligence officer and spoke Persian. This was my second trip into Afghanistan, too. The difference, I told myself, was that Burns had been a gentleman and I would do whatever it took to win." Dealing with a Taliban official who controlled American hostages: "Tell him that if he betrays me or loses the hostages I'll spend every waking moment of my life hunting him down to kill him. Tell him I'm not like any American he has ever met." The capabilities of his Tora Bora spotter team: "Working nonstop, the four men directed strike after strike by B-1s, B-52s, and F-14s onto the al-Qaeda encampment with incredible precision. Somehow through the massive bureaucracy, thousands of miles of distance [and] reams of red tape...the U.S. had managed to place four of the most skilled men in the world above the motherlode of al-Qaeda, with a laser designator and communications system linked to the most potent air power in history...As I listened over our encrypted radio network, one word kept pounding in my head: revenge." Also available as a Random House AudioBook

Contends that America is losing the war on terror and what needs to be done in order to find Osama bin Laden and defeat al-Qaeda, tracing the origins and growth of terrorism throughout the past few decades while drawing on recent findings to identify bin Laden's whereabouts. 25,000 first printing. On September 11, 2001, as Central Intelligence Agency analyst Philip Mudd rushed out of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House, he could not anticipate how far the terror unleashed that day would change the world of intelligence and his life as a CIA officer. For the previous fifteen years his role had been to interpret raw intelligence and report his findings to national security decision makers. But within weeks of the 9/11 attack he would be on a military aircraft, flying over the Hindu Kush mountains, en route to Afghanistan as part of the U.S. government's effort to support the fledgling government there after U.S. forces had toppled the Taliban. Later, Mudd would be appointed deputy director of

the CIA's rapidly expanding Counterterrorist Center and then senior intelligence adviser at the FBI. A first-person account of Mudd's role in two organizations that changed dramatically after 9/11, *Takedown* sheds light on the inner workings of the intelligence community during the global counterterror campaign. Here Mudd tells how the Al Qaeda threat looked to CIA and FBI professionals as the focus shifted from a core Al Qaeda leadership to the rise of Al Qaeda-affiliated groups and homegrown violent extremism from Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. As a participant in and a witness to key strategic initiatives—including the hunt for Osama bin Laden and efforts to displace the Taliban—Mudd offers an insider's perspective on the relationships between the White House, the State Department, and national security agencies before and after the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan. Through telling vignettes, Mudd reveals how intelligence analysts understood and evaluated potential dangers and communicated them to political leaders. *Takedown* is a gripping narrative of tracking terrorism during what may be the most exhilarating but trying times the American intelligence community has ever experienced. Describes the campaigns of American Green Berets in Afghanistan in the period following the September 11 terrorist attacks as they overcame Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces and sent them fleeing. Looks at America's search for Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, from his addition to the FBI's list of Ten Most Wanted Fugitives in 1999 to the intensive global manhunt still underway in 2004. Chronicles the final months of the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. "The one book you must read if you have any hope of understanding what our fine American soldiers are up against in Afghanistan." —Former Congressman Charlie Wilson

From the author of the award-winning *THE LAST SEASON*, the untold story of the U.S. Army Special Forces team that conquered the Taliban against overwhelming odds while protecting Hamid Karzai, viewed at the time as the country's best hope for a successful, democratically-elected leader. On a moonless night just weeks after September 11, 2001, a U.S. Special Forces team of Green Berets known as ODA 574 infiltrated the mountains of southern Afghanistan with a seemingly impossible mission to foment a tribal revolt and force the Taliban to surrender. Armed soldiers



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