

Secret War In Arabia Sas Operation

For Captain Don Headley of the SAS, the police anti-terrorist exercise on the outskirts of Heathrow Airport was to have been just another training job. But in the grey suburban sprawl on the edge of London another, far more sinister plot was about to unfold, a plot that would suck him in relentlessly and send him off on a hostage-rescue mission to the Indian subcontinent. Under the auspices of the inscrutable Intelligence chief Sir Anthony Briggs, the operation would reunite him with some of the hardest troopers from Hereford, for only such a hand-picked team was capable of storming a terrorist stronghold among the mountain fastnesses of Pakistan. And only the very best would have a chance of coming back alive. Central to the mission was the mysterious Mr Sanji. It was at the cost of precious lives that Don and his men would learn the horrific secret of this world-weary man and understand at last that the roots of the kidnap plot lay buried in the dying days of the British Raj.

In 1970 at the height of the Cold War, the young Sandhurst-trained Sultan Qaboos of Oman, with secret British military backing, took on communist insurgents in a fierce but little known war. Along with regular British Army and contract officers, the Special Air Service played a key role in this bitterly fought but ultimately successful campaign. The value of winning the Hearts and Minds of the local population was quickly recognised and this is where a select band of Royal Army Veterinary Corps officers came in. The local economy was a primitive one based on agriculture, and the author, freshly qualified and, by his own admission, somewhat naive, found himself solely responsible for the veterinary care of a territory the size of Hungary. Attached to A Squadron, 22 SAS, Andrew Higgins learned how to respond to the Jebali peoples love and concern for the animals that provided their livelihood goats, camels, sheep and most importantly their cattle. Then there were the Sultans horses, pedigree dogs, exotic birds and even bears and hyenas. His first-hand experiences and anecdotes of life dealing with every level of Omani society, from the Ruler and his Court to the humblest refugees and their varied livestock make for wonderfully atmospheric and amusing reading. It also provides a thoughtful insight into the value of hearts and minds campaigns in other military operations where the support of the civilian population is crucial to success. With the SAS and Other Animals is an unusual and potent mix of Special Forces action and veterinary experiences. Readers may well conclude that it really shouldnt have happened to a vet even in a desert war!

Specializing in covert reconnaissance, counter-terrorism and hostage rescue, the SAS is one of the world's most famous, feared and respected elite fighting forces. This book tells the full, fascinating story of the regiment, from formation in the sand dunes of Africa during World War II to present action in the Middle East, and incorporates jungle, desert and urban

warfare, counter-terrorism and an insider's view at the selection and training methods employed by this usually secretive unit. As well as an insightful foreword by Andy McNab - one of the most famous members of the SAS - this revised, updated edition includes completely new chapters, features and information, including Key Missions of WWII, The Battle of Mirbat, Iranian Embassy Siege, Kenyan Hotel Rescue and Victoria Cross Awards.

In 1964 two different kinds of war were being waged simultaneously by the British in Aden. The inhabitants of the forbidding mountainous region of Radfan, in the north of the Republic of Yemen, were conducting guerrilla attacks against the British. Armed by the Egyptians and trained by the communist Yemenis, they were a formidable fighting force, and appeared invincible. The British had only one hope of beating them: to draft in an even more tenacious group of soldiers the SAS! Tasked with stopping the flow of weapons to the rebel tribesmen, Radforce was assembled from Aden's federal regular army together with various British forces including the legendary troopers of the SAS. After parachuting into the enemy territory at night, the SAS established concealed observation posts high in the mountains, from where they directed air strikes on the rebels moving through the sun-baked passes. At the same time, in an even more dangerous campaign, teams of two or three SAS men, disguised as Arabs, were infiltrating the souks and bazaars of the port of Aden to 'neutralise' leading members of the National Liberation Front with their renowned 'double tap' 0 firing their Browning high-power high-power handguns at close range as part of the daring 'Keeni Meeni' operations. Soldier J SAS: Counter-insurgency in Aden is the breathtaking story of how the SAS fought these two contrasting campaigns in the same place at the same time with exceptional tenacity, skill and courage.

South China Sea, 1995. Pirates rule the waves and ships are disappearing in deadly ocean blackspots. To combat these cut-throats, a SBS team is sent to Singapore to play a game of high-stakes hide-and-seek across the tropical seas, picking up a trail which leads them north towards Hong Kong. Meanwhile, as the Communist Chinese takeover looms for the British colony, Inspector Rosalie Kai is investigating a barbaric cross-border trade in unwanted female babies. Soon both she and the SBS team find themselves in the underworld jungle up against a criminal organization that stretches from one end of the South China Sea to the other, fighting rogue elements of the Indonesian Army, corrupt policemen, and the foot soldiers of the fearsome Triads. This is classic military fiction at its best.

In the 1990s, in the bleak, snow-capped mountains of Kazakhstan, the SAS return to settle a score which goes back almost half a century and to face a new and terrifying enemy an enemy that is silent, deadly and invisible and that will test their endurance, and their equipment, to the limit. Almost fifty years earlier in 1945, even as treaties were being signed in Berlin, treachery was being planned. An SAS patrol on a routine mission was ambushed and massacred by a cynical and ruthless Russian KGB Major with an insane dream of a new and terrible form of biological warfare. In the post-

war years captured Nazi medical personnel and the cream of the USSR's scientists were established in a high-security research facility in the remote, mountainous region of Kazakhstan, close to the Mongolian border. Although the complex's inhuman experiments were devastatingly successful and although it was still funded by the KGB, by the early 1980s the virtually autonomous complex, with its well-armed security unit and fanatically independent community, was almost forgotten by the Soviet authorities. Until, that is, sketchy reports of an accident possibly a plague or leak of a mutated virus from a biological experiment filtered through to American intelligence. A Russian army team sent in to investigate disappeared without trace. The Chinese, terrified that their territory might be threatened by the leak, turned to Britain, an unlikely ally, for help. Only one group of men was deemed capable of discovering the truth behind the underground facility the legendary Special Air Service the SAS!

The British have never fought against the Soviet army, right? Wrong. In 1980, Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher had taken over the leadership of the West and the Soviets had invaded Afghanistan; the most crucial battle of the cold war was about to begin. In the high mountain passes of the north-west Frontier and the Hindu Kush, the CIA and its Western allies saw an opportunity to bring the mighty Soviet to its knees. Their weapon: the Islamic guerrillas of the Afghan Mujahideen. Their agent: Tom Carew, the first Western agent to link up with the Mujahideen, led a series of daring initiatives inside Afghanistan. His account covers in extraordinary and revealing detail combat action against the Soviet Spetsnaz and Afghan mercenaries; reconnaissance missions leading to the installation of the first West-sponsored training camp for the Mujahideen in Pakistan; and Carew's attempt to hijack an aircraft during a covert arms-buying mission. During these operations, the author was accepted and befriended by the fundamentalist Mujahideen and became as close to them as any European infidel could ever get. In many ways he was a latter-day Lawrence of Arabia. Tom Carew later rejoined his unit. Wry, perceptive and sensitive, *Jihad!* is a fast-paced account of combat espionage and high adventure, against the backdrop of the last truly wild and lawless country on Earth. It sheds unprecedented light on the sharp edge of the cold war and the conduct of special operations in the modern era.

Fresh from the 1943 Aegean Campaign, explosives expert Sergeant Colin 'Tiger' Tiller of the Royal Marines, is selected to undergo covert training in a one-man midget submarine fitted with a newly modified, specialist weapon. Posted to the Far East he enrolls in the Special Boat Section, where he set about ruthlessly destroying Japanese supply ships among the crocodile-infested mangrove swamps along the Arakan coast, raiding enemy-held islands, and employing his deadly skills on Burma's Irrawaddy River. There he receives special orders to use the midget submarine in his most dangerous raid yet... *Marine H SBS: The Burma Offensive* - based on real operations mounted during World War II- recounts the death-defying exploits of a group of highly trained individuals pitted against the armed might of the Japanese Empire.

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In Cold War parlance, the British government liked to think of it as a counter intelligence mission. To the Russians it would be seen as an act of international piracy. In an operation cloaked in secrecy, the elite men of the legendary Special Boat Squadron were to go up against the most sophisticated and hi-tech surveillance systems the Russian Navy possessed with only some crude, hastily-built wind-powered craft at their disposal. Little did they know that things were about to go terribly wrong. Marine D SBS: Windswept sees the SBS put to the ultimate test, with all their tactical prowess and monumental daring required to rescue the situation. There would be no second chances as failure could see the volatile Middle East blasted into all-out war. This is classic military fiction at its best.

Ultimate soldier. Ultimate mission. But can the SAS prevent British Task Force being destroyed by exocet missiles?

The incredible untold story of WWII's greatest secret fighting force, as told by our great modern master of wartime intrigue Britain's Special Air Service—or SAS—was the brainchild of David Stirling, a young, gadabout aristocrat whose aimlessness in early life belied a remarkable strategic mind. Where most of his colleagues looked at a battlefield map of World War II's African theater and saw a protracted struggle with Rommel's desert forces, Stirling saw an opportunity: given a small number of elite, well-trained men, he could parachute behind enemy lines and sabotage their airplanes and war material. Paired with his constitutional opposite, the disciplined martinet Jock Lewes, Stirling assembled a revolutionary fighting force that would upend not just the balance of the war, but the nature of combat itself. He faced no little resistance from those who found his tactics ungentlemanly or beyond the pale, but in the SAS's remarkable exploits facing the Nazis in the Africa and then on the Continent can be found the seeds of nearly all special forces units that would follow. Bringing his keen eye for psychological detail to a riveting wartime narrative, Ben Macintyre uses his unprecedented access to SAS archives to shine a light inside a legendary unit long shrouded in secrecy. The result is not just a tremendous war story, but a fascinating group portrait of men of whom history and country asked the most.

East Africa, 1975. The dictator Idi Amin's reign of terror in Uganda is faltering. In a bid to pacify his increasingly mutinous army, he attacks neighbouring Tanzania. His brutal invasion meets little resistance except for one small group of highly-trained British soldiers. However, these were no ordinary soldiers: they were eight men of the legendary Special Boat Squadron. Fighting on the shores of Lake Victoria with only an Mi6 spook for company, the SBS team are charged with blunting the attack of East Africa's strongest military force, knowing that if they are caught, their government will deny any knowledge of their mission. This is classic military fiction at its best.

In the Central American republic of Guatemala, government-sponsored torture and mass murder had reduced the Mayan Indian population to a despairing acquiescence, and after five hundred years of struggle it began to seem as if the conqueror's peace could at last be claimed in the capital. Then, at the beginning of 1995, a guerrilla leader whom the authorities had long believed dead sprang mysteriously back to life. No loyal Guatemalan could identify him, and the government was compelled to seek help elsewhere, from one of the two SAS soldiers who had helped to mediate a hostage crisis with the guerrilla almost fifteen years earlier. To the government in Whitehall it appeared a straightforward enough exercise, but for the soldier and his comrades the mission soon turned into a nightmare of impossible choices, and then land of Guatemala, magical and cruel by turns, proved much easier to enter than to escape.

Ultimate soldier. Ultimate mission. But will the SAS succeed in freeing Oman from the deadly grip of fanatical guerrillas?

As British sovereignty over Hong Kong entered its final years, the prime concern of the colonial administration was to effect a smooth

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transition of power to China. But for the Triads, whose ruthlessness ensured their supremacy in the colony's thriving underworld, it was business as usual. Every night, crammed with contraband, their powerboats continued to run the gauntlet of police and Royal Marine patrols. For Sergeant Des Cooper of the Special Boat Squadron, a trip to Hong Kong offered a chance to revisit places he had got to know many years earlier. He jumped at the opportunity to accompany an anti-smuggling patrol, but during a search of a vessel he uncovered a cargo far less predictable than the electrical goods that were usually seized. Suddenly the spectre of nuclear weapons falling into the hands of terrorists looked menacingly real. Cooper and his highly trained team would risk their lives in their bid to crush a plot that threatened not only Hong Kong but the entire globe. This is classic military fiction at its best.

In the aftermath of the Dunkirk evacuation in 1940, Roger 'Jumbo' Pountney is ordered to form and train a small group of canoeists. Taking as his paddler and second-in-command Lieutenant Philip Ayton of the Royal Marines, they command a body of men, known as No.1 Special Boat Section, who are as ruthless and independent as any that fought in World War II. They employ Folbot kayaks to get ashore from submarines to attack vital enemy targets in the Mediterranean and in these hazardous clandestine operations, skill and stealth count just as much as bravery. It is in the midst of these battles that the reputation of the legendary SBS would be forged. Based on early SBS missions undertaken during World War II, this is classic military fiction at its best.

In the arid deserts and mountains of Arabia a 'secret' war is being fought. While the Communist-backed guerrillas of the People's Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabian Gulf have been waging a campaign of terror against Oman, British Army Training Teams have been winning the hearts and minds of the people with medical aid and educational programmes. Now the time has come to rid the country of the guerrillas, known as the Adoo, not only to free Oman, but also to guarantee the safe passage of Arabian oil to the West. Only one group of men is capable of doing this job the legendary Special Air Force the SAS! On the night of October 1, 1971, two squadrons of SAS troopers, backed by the Sultan's Armed Forces and fierce, unpredictable Firqat Arab fighters, start to clear the fanatical Adoo from the summit of the mighty Jebel Dhofar a mountain 3,000 feet high and scorched by the desert sun. In doing so, the men of the SAS embark on one of their most daring and unforgettable adventures. Soldier C SAS: Secret War in Arabia is the third in a series of novels based on this extraordinary regiment a thrilling 'factoid' adventure about the most daring soldiers in military history: the SAS!

A look at Britain's special operations force, the SAS, including information on its creation and history, selection and training, uniforms, equipment, and current operations.

This is the first book in more than a decade to look systematically at the foundations and practices of Oman's foreign policy and its impact on the production and distribution of oil.

In early 1970, the Commanding Officer of 22 SAS flew into the strategically critical Sultanate of Oman on a covert intelligence mission to monitor a Communist rebellion threatening the Arabian Peninsula. Within six months, the Regiment arrived in theatre to lead a fierce, secret war against the rebels, reinforced by an elite band of RAF pilots flying

out of a remote airbase in the desert. But for the British soldiers and airmen, it was to be no easy victory. And despite confronting the largest assault force ever deployed by the SAS, many months later the enemy were still far from beaten. Something had to give. Then at dawn on July 19th, 1972, and without warning, a force of nearly 300 heavily armed, well-trained guerillas attacked the little fishing port of Mirbat. Between them and glory stood a team of just nine SAS men, aided only by the skill of the fighter pilots overhead. It was to be an epic encounter; a modern day Rorke's Drift. Their heroism that day would become SAS legend.

In 1943 Sergeant 'Tiger' Tiller was already a seasoned veteran and a surviving member of the 'Cockleshell Heroes'. However, his war was far from over as he joined the newly formed detachment of the Special Boat Section led by Captain Magnus Larseen in the islands of the Aegean. There they would conduct a perilous, piratical war, using guns, knives and their bare hands to battle the might of the German Wehrmacht. Slipping from island to island they would call upon all their resourcefulness, courage and daring to defeat the enemy. This is classic military fiction at its best.

In early summer 1982--winter in the South Atlantic--Argentina's military junta invades the Falklands. Within days, a British Royal Navy Task Force is assembled and dispatched. This is the story of D Squadron, 22 SAS, commanded by Cedric Delves. The relentless tempo of events defies belief. Raging seas, inhospitable glaciers, hurricane-force winds, helicopter crashes, raids behind enemy lines--the Squadron prevailed against them all, but the cost was high. Eight died and more were wounded or captured. Holding fast to their humanity, D Squadron's fighters were there at the start and end of the Falklands War, the first to raise a Union Jack over Government House in Stanley. Across an Angry Sea is a chronicle of daring, skill and steadfastness among a tight-knit band of brothers; of going awry, learning fast, fighting hard, and winning through.

Ultimate soldier. Ultimate mission. But will the SAS be able to outfox the IRA as they prepare a deadly reprisal? Eighteen years in the SAS saw Pete Winner, codenamed Soldier 'I', survive the savage battle of Mirbat, parachute into the icy depths of the South Atlantic during the Falklands War, and storm the Iranian Embassy during the most famous hostage crisis in the modern world.

North Sea, 1982. A ruthless terrorist attack on the desperately vulnerable oil fields has left rigs destroyed or hijacked, the Prime Minister held to ransom and Great Britain facing economic collapse. The world's top security agencies were left stunned and helpless. Only one elite fighting force could meet the terrorist threat. It was up to Tony Masters and the men of the Royal Marines Special Boat Squadron, the legendary SBS, to attempt the impossible. Their objective: to defeat the terrorists, rescue the Prime Minister and regain control of the oil fields – all while battling against the deadly North Sea. This is classic military fiction at its best.

The 'Confrontation' between Malaysia and Indonesia in Borneo (January 20, 2006), the war against Indonesian raids across a 900-mile border in some of the world's worst jungle terrain, eventually involved nearly 20,000 British and Commonwealth troops, with air and naval support; and yet, by mutual consent, it was astonishingly little reported at the time. This 'secret war' saw the perfection of SAS jungle tactics; a Parachute Regiment action described as 'a second Rorke's Drift'; and audacious secret missions deep inside enemy territory, including the award to a Gurkha soldier of the British Army's only 'living VC' for 40 years.

A hugely controversial work that exposes a series of scandals from Oliver North to the British royal family, *The Secret War Against the Jews* reveals as much about political corruption inside Western intelligence as it does about Israel. Using thousands of previously top-secret documents and interviews with hundreds of current and former spies, Loftus and Aarons, both veteran investigators, Nazi-hunters, and authors, present a compelling narrative. The authors demonstrate that numerous Western countries, especially the United States and Great Britain, have conducted repeated and willful spying missions on Palestine and later Israel over many decades. While on the surface these two countries and others profess to be ardent allies of Israel, they work, in fact, through their intelligence services to betray Israel's secrets to the Arabs. Their motive: oil and multinational profits, which must be attained at any price through international covert policies. The pageant of characters appearing in this narrative is vast and shocking. This is not only a compelling work of history, but also a volume whose grave allegations will be debated for years to come.

When American and British forces invaded Iraq in March 2003, select teams of special forces and intelligence operatives got to work looking for the WMD their governments had promised were there. They quickly realized no such weapons existed. Instead they faced an insurgency—a soaring spiral of extremism and violence that was almost impossible to understand, let alone reverse. Facing defeat, the Coalition waged a hidden war within a war. Major-General Stan McChrystal devised a campaign fusing special forces, aircraft, and the latest surveillance technology with the aim of taking down the enemy faster than it could regenerate. Guided by intelligence, British and American special forces conducted a relentless onslaught, night after night targeting al-Qaeda and other insurgent groups. *Task Force Black* reveals not only the intensity of the secret fight that turned the tide in Baghdad but the rivalries and personal battles that had to be overcome along the way. Incisive, dramatic, exceptionally revealing, the war in Iraq cannot be understood without this book.

Barents Sea, 1942. After a German attack, HMS *Edinburgh* sinks into the icy depths with over five tons of Russian gold aboard, leaving boy seaman Mike Cox as one of the survivors. Forty years later, after a successful career in the Special Boat Squadron and then as a top commercial diver, Cox is obsessed with the dream of raising the treasure from its

watery grave. His own plans thwarted, he is blackmailed by a greedy American arms dealer into infiltrating an intergovernmental operation to salvage the gold. Caught in a deadly trap, his only hope may be the men of his old unit: the legendary SBS. This is classic military fiction at its best.

In the North African desert in 1941 the war is being won by the brilliant German commander General Rommel, and the British are in retreat on all fronts. A young British army lieutenant, David Stirling, believes that the only way to reverse this situation is to attack the enemy behind their own lines, using small groups of men who can insert by land, sea or air as required. The first of these men are dropped by parachute to attack enemy airfields in the Gazala area, but the raid is a disaster, with many lives lost. The following year, the survivors of that operation, now working hand in hand with the Long Range Desert Group, mount a series of spectacular, successful raids in heavily armed jeeps against airfields in the Benghazi region, destroying nearly a hundred enemy aircraft, leaving the German army reeling, and reversing the course of the war. In September 1942, having proved their worth, that group of bold, resourceful men is formed into a new British army regiment to be used for special and especially dangerous operations behind enemy lines. They are listed officially as the 1st Special Air Service Regiment the SAS! Soldier G SAS: The Desert Raiders is the colourful story of the birth of the most renowned regiment in the history of the British Army forged with fire and steel in the vast, sun-scorched plains of the North African desert, pitting themselves against the might of the formerly invincible German Army, and gaining a reputation that would make them a legend in their own time.

Summer 1994, the Bahamas: an English doctor working at a clinic in the Turks and Caicos Islands suddenly disappeared, leaving only one trace – a fast-fading smell of chloroform in his bedroom. A week later, in nearby Florida, another man was found shot dead in his car, apparently the latest in a long line of European tourists murdered on the highways of the Sunshine State. US police found one link – Cuban gangster and British citizen Fidel Arcilla. At once the British government was invited by Washington to put its Caribbean house in order, and they in turn called on the Marines of the legendary Special Boat Service. Battling South American drug lords, Haitian generals, Cuban exiles and the Miami underworld, these elite soldiers would stop at nothing to achieve their objectives. This is classic military fiction at its best. Ultimate soldier. Ultimate mission. But can the SAS prevent the launch of Exocet missiles at the British Task Force? The third in a series of novels based on the SAS. The regiment is called in to get rid of the communist-backed guerrillas of the People's Front for the Liberation of the Occupied Arabian Gulf - both to free Oman and guarantee the safe passage of Arabian oil to the West.

The historian and author of Postwar Counterinsurgency and the SAS reveals the full story of how the Special Air Service Regiment began during WWII. Britain's elite Special Air Service Regiment is one of the most revered special-ops units in the world. Its high-

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profile operations include the storming of the Iranian Embassy in London in 1980 and the hunt for Osama bin Laden in southern Afghanistan following 9/11. Since its inception during the Second World War, the SAS has become a byword for the highest possible standards in both conventional and unorthodox methods of warfare. In *SAS Zero Hour*, military historian and SAS expert Tim Jones offers fascinating new insight into how this elite regiment began. It is commonly held that the unit was the brainchild of just one man, David Stirling. While not dismissing Stirling's considerable contribution, Jones's historical investigation reveals many other factors that played a part in shaping the SAS, including the roles of military deception specialist Dudley Clarke, Field Marshals Archibald Wavell and Claude Auchinleck, and others. Drawing extensively on primary sources, as well as reassessing the more recent regimental histories and memoirs, *SAS Zero Hour* is "The most comprehensive and enlightening version of these seminal events yet" (Sir Ranulph Fiennes, from the Forward).

Michael P. Noonan examines U.S. capabilities to conduct foreign internal defense and unconventional warfare. Using a newly developed typology and nine case studies, he places campaigns within broader contexts of military culture and history, offering 3 findings and 6 policy recommendations for considering when or not to use such capabilities.

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For the very first time, *The War That Never Was* tells the fascinating story of a secret war fought by British mercenaries in the Yemen in the early 1960s. In a covert operation organised over whisky and sodas in the clubs of Chelsea and Mayfair, a group of former SAS officers - led by the irrepressible Colonel Jim Johnson - arranged for a squadron of British mercenaries to travel to the remote mountain regions of the Yemen, to arm, train and lead Yemeni tribesmen in their fight against a 60,000-strong contingent of Egyptian soldiers. It was one of the most uneven running battles ever waged; the Egyptians fielded a huge, professionally-trained army. The British fought back at the head of a ragtag force of tribal warriors and, ultimately, won. Egypt's President Nasser described the battle in the Yemen as 'my Vietnam'. It's a fascinating, forgotten, and rip-roaringly entertaining pocket of British military history, much in the spirit of Ben MvIntyre's bestselling *Agent Zigzag* and *Operation Mincemeat*.

On 4 May 1980, seven terrorists holding twenty-one people captive in the Iranian Embassy in London's Prince's Gate, executed their first hostage. They threatened to kill another hostage every thirty minutes until their demands were met. Minutes later, armed men in black overalls and balaclavas shimmied down the roof on ropes and burst in through windows and doors. In seconds all but one of the terrorists had been shot dead, the other captured. For most people, this was their first acquaintance with a unit that was soon to become the ideal of modern military excellence – the Special Air Service regiment. Few realized that the SAS had been in existence for almost forty years, playing a discreet, if not secret, role almost everywhere Britain had fought since World War II, and had been the prototype of all modern special forces units throughout the world. In *The Regiment*, Michael Asher – a former soldier in 23 SAS Regiment – examines the evolution of the special forces idea and investigates the real story behind the greatest military legend of the late twentieth century.

July 1989, South Armagh: the cheering mobs stood over the body of a British soldier. He was the ninth to have been killed by the

so-called Border Fox, an IRA sniper whose activities had helped to make this area of the United Kingdom the most feared killing ground in Western Europe. The British government was determined to break the tightly-knit South Armagh Brigade of the IRA before more lives were lost. This task would demand unique skills skills possessed only by the men of the Special Air Service. The SAS men of Ulster Troop are the best in the world at surveillance, unsurpassed in counter-insurgency techniques. And now, once again, they were going to have to prove it. Soldier U SAS: Bandit Country tells the story of their hunt for the Border Fox and the terrorists of South Armagh a murderous, little-publicised war in which every encounter, whether in or out of uniform, was potentially a battle to the death.

Terrorist bombs in town and city streets, an ever-rising tide of crime and a teenage drug problem that was rapidly escalating out of control this was the ugly face of Great Britain in 1995. The conventional police forces were already stretched beyond their limit and now a new threat was looming. A fanatical right-wing movement that in recent months had wreaked murder and chaos in mainland Europe was spreading its evil tentacles into the UK. Using terrorism and crime to fund its undercover activities, and a frightening new drug to spur on its growing army of bullyboys to unprecedented extremes of violence, it threatened to turn the streets of Britain's towns and inner cities into battlegrounds of anarchic brutality. In desperation, the civil authorities turned to the only group of men who might be able to confront and beat these fanatics on their own terms: the legendary Special Air Service the SAS! Guided by a maverick undercover drug cop, the SAS team were pitted against an enemy as ruthless and deadly as any the regiment had faced in its chequered and splendid history. The SAS were at war, and that war was just outside the window a war on the streets.

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