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In April of 1968 in Kontum Province near the Cambodian border, the 1-22 Infantry fought a vicious battle with elements of the North Vietnamese Army. This became known as the Battle for Chu Moor Mountain. The combat was intense with the First Battalion attacking, the NVA counterattacking, and the First Battalion attacking again. The NVA employed mortars, B-40 rockets, snipers, and even flame throwers. Elements of the 1-14 Infantry, 1-12 Infantry, and 3-8 Infantry joined the battle when it became clear that the enemy was in force and had decided to stay. After nearly seven days of heavy fighting, the NVA finally withdrew, leaving the mountain in US hands. This is a compilation of firsthand stories from the brave troops of the Fourth Infantry Division who participated in that battle.

Leaving his college deferment behind, this son of a WWII veteran enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967 to take part in the Vietnam War. He was sent to Officer Candidate School, became a 2nd Lieutenant and in 1969 led an infantry platoon in combat when he was 21. In late 1969, President Nixon began withdrawing troops creating doubt about the successful outcome of the war and when the author returned home he realized that his Vietnam service was not respected. He

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put the war out of his mind, got married and began his career, but after retirement went back to write about his war experiences. Writing brought some closure but also compelled him to join some other Marines in 2019 to return to a mountaintop in western Quang tri Province to revisit the old FSB Russell. In so doing he learned some things he had repressed or never knew and gained a truer understanding of the emotional cost of the war.

John Opie combines fact and fiction in *Firestore Gecko*]but he never forgets that he is writing a novel of excitement without hysteria and with tons of credible action. Only John Opie, author of *The Medusa Papers*, could have conceived of this daring story about high-stakes Middle and Far East terrorism impacting America. *Cebu26*, a Pakistani lashkar-e-toiba terror cell, enters America via Boston's Logan Airport on student visas. Part of *Cebu26* is a sniper on a deadly mission, target Camp Peary. The others have a more sinister operation, target nuclear waste. Sixty years ago, a German-born nuclear weapons spy, Dr. Fuchs, leaked Manhattan Project secrets to the Soviets. The trail leads to Pakistan's Muridke. CIA's Jon Gold teams with Ranger Colby on a Pave Low helix for a near-suicide mission codenamed Operation Whitesnake to extract critical information from the sniper. A frantic trans-world counter-terrorism effort takes place involving Dragon Ladies, Nighthawks, and Misty. *Firestore Gecko*

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paces the reader at breakneck speed through the intrigue of global terrorism. Vigenerean Square ciphers, Atbash, and binary codes present serious problems for the code breakers. Time is short. A nuclear waste catastrophe has arrived. As a first lieutenant in Bravo Company of the Third Battalion, 187th Infantry, Frank Boccia led a platoon in two intense battles in the Vietnamese mountains in April and May 1969: Dong Ngai and the grinding, 11-day battle of Dong Ap Bia--the Mountain of the Crouching Beast, in Vietnamese, or Hamburger Hill as it is popularly known. The Rakkasans, the 3/187th, are the most highly decorated unit in the history of the United States Army, and two of those decorations were awarded for these two battles. This vivid account of the author's first seven months in Vietnam gives special attention to the events at Dong Ap Bia, following the hard-hit 3/187th hour by hour through its repeated assaults on the mountain, against an unseen enemy in an ideal defensive position. It also corrects several errors that have persisted in histories and official reports of the battle. Beyond describing his own experiences and reactions, the author writes, "I want to convey the real face of war, both its mindless carnage and its nobility of spirit. Above all, I want to convey what happened to both the casual reader and the military historian and make them aware of the extraordinary spirit of the men of First Platoon, Bravo Company. They were ordinary men doing extraordinary

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things."

Agendas and Choices illustrates and examines the intricate predispositions, habits, and agendas and choices which form and become the personalities of the characters in the book's five major parts--- which are four Stories and one Novella. There are imposed Agendas and Choices for example (like a WWII, which can also help to create a final personality profile); there are, of course, personal choices which often harden into inflexible agendas. Enjoy unraveling the often hidden agendas of any of the characters you encounter and do not be surprised if you tend to approve, excuse or absent yourself from any story character or actual person you know.

Writers have been writing about war since the siege of Troy, but few, if any, have captured the first-person experience of war as deeply as *My Vietnam War*. Set in 1967 (the deadliest year of the Vietnam War), this memoir-style novel depicts the psychological journey of a young man whose carefree days of studying philosophy at the university are ended by the draft. The story follows him from his initial rear-echelon assignment in Saigon, where he falls for a mysterious storytelling bar girl, to his eventual posting at an isolated front-line firebase in one of the deepest parts of the Vietnam jungle. While recovering from a leg wound (he is hit by a piece of bone from a fellow soldier who stepped on a booby trap

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mine), he becomes the assistant medic and sees the horrors of war close up. The experience begins his steady spiral down into PTSD. After he is seriously wounded, he ends up back in Saigon where, after an old friend from Arizona gets him involved in the underground drug trade, the mysterious bar girl may be his only hope for salvation. It is a powerful story, well-written, with vivid detail that you will never forget.

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confirm your progress by auditing your PWA with Lighthouse. Also, you'll discover helper libraries and shortcuts that will help you save time and understand the future of PWA development. **Style and approach** This is a step-by-step book, wherein, you will use the React framework to create a complete progressive web app.

In March, 1966, US Forces faced an impossible and devastating fight in the A-Shau Valley of Vietnam near the Cambodian Border. In July, 2020, an immersive and truly authentic military simulation and reenactment of the engagements during that time of the Vietnam War took place in Northern Vermont. Take a walk back in time with me as Combat Correspondent to "Fire Support Base Ripcord" where we will experience life in the thick of the action and on the base, honoring those who served in the Vietnam War with the dedicated and talented reenactors who made this incredible event so special. \$10.00 of every book sold goes to The Wounded Warrior Project.

“One of the most important books to come out of the Afghanistan war.”—Foreign Policy “A saga of courage and futility, of valor and error and heartbreak.”—Rick Atkinson, author of the Liberation Trilogy and *The British Are Coming* Of the many battlefields on which U.S. troops and intelligence operatives fought in Afghanistan, one remote corner of the country stands as a microcosm of the American campaign: the Pech and its tributary valleys in Kunar and Nuristan. The area’s rugged, steep terrain and thick forests made it a natural hiding spot for local insurgents and international terrorists alike, and it came to represent both the valor and futility of America’s two-decade-long Afghan war. Drawing on reporting trips, hundreds of interviews,

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and documentary research, Wesley Morgan reveals the history of the war in this iconic region, captures the culture and reality of the conflict through both American and Afghan eyes, and reports on the snowballing missteps—some kept secret from even the troops fighting there—that doomed the American mission. *The Hardest Place* is the story of one of the twenty-first century's most unforgiving battlefields and a portrait of the American military that fought there.

*Firebase Tan Tru* Memoir of an Artilleryman in the Mekong Delta, 1969-1970 McFarland

As described by Reverend J. Lowell Harrup, pastor of Northland Cathedral, Kansas City, Missouri: This book focuses on army rangers, in particular the Fourth Infantry Divisions LRRPs or the rangers of the Seventy-Fifth Regiment, the official as well as the spiritual successor to the fabled Merrills Marauders, the long-range, deep-penetration units of World War II. Their stories need to be told, not for individual aggrandizement, though they certainly earned that, but so their history will be more than a political polemic. The Vietnam conflict was terrible, but our troops carried on the tradition of our military from the beginning of this nation. I have come to know many of them, including a number of highly decorated heroes of that conflict. Among those I put in that category is Reuben Siverling, a close friend and Christian brother, whose story is in this book. These stories are not enhanced; they need no enhancement. They are, in fact, the attempt to reduce in words the experiences that were lived in units of time distorted by the surreality of war, extreme environments, separation from families, and constant death and dying all around. The complete story of each cannot be told; books are not big enough. But these are told so that history will stand unrevised.

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At "zero dark thirty" on January 30, 1971, units of the U.S. Fifth Mechanized Division left their firebases along the DMZ heading west along Provincial Route 9. The mission, called Dewey Canyon II, was to reopen the road from Khe Sahn Air Base to the Laotian border, in support of a South Vietnamese invasion of Laos (doomed from the start) to cut off the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Alpha Company of U.S. 61st Infantry performed commendably in keeping Route 9 open, with just one casualty killed by friendly fire. They returned to Firebase Charlie-2 in April, exhausted but hopeful--the Fifth would be leaving Vietnam in July. They patrolled the "western hills" through May as rocket attacks fell each evening. On the 21st, a direct hit on a bunker killed 30 of the 63 men inside--18 were from Alpha Co. This is their story, told firsthand by Specialist Lou Pepi.

There are many books about war. There are books that describe the bravery and glories of war. Other books portray the warrior as an "anti-hero". *The Pipes Were Calling: A Vietnam War Story* is not either of these formula tales. *The Pipes Were Calling* tells the story of a boy, 18

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year old and fresh from high school who is drafted and then sent to fight in Vietnam. He has no combat experience or Hollywood scriptwriters. To survive, he must quickly learn the rules of war. Danny Murphy learns these rules, experiences combat, endures the deaths of friends, and engages in the black humor of crises. We share his experiences as he goes from "newbie" to veteran, then finally to civilian. Danny's story is told with honesty and humor, hopefully leaving us with a clearer understanding of war.

Accustomed to being a winner, Dan learns some hard lessons during his training to be a forest fire fighter.

Tripwire is the gripping saga of one man's struggle against the shadows of war, revealing to all the silent thunder that can continue long after the shelling has stopped. Tripwire strips away the falsehoods that PTSD embeds in its victims, forcing it into the light of truth where it can be seen for what it really is. It is my hope that Tripwire will cut PTSD off at the knees before it can cause irreparable damage. I have learned that PTSD's coup de grace is knowledge and truth. And when you become entangled in its web, it is only these two weapons that can disarm the maze of tripwires this affection throws in your path. A testament to the human spirit's ability to overcome all obstacles, prepare to be catapulted into an adventure with as many twists and turns as the rivers that raged through the mountainous jungles of South Vietnam. Graphic, suspenseful and fast-moving, follow the trail of fear and courage that will challenge you to the very core. So...look out ahead for...tripwires!

A bioweapon—a global epidemic—kicks off World War III in this explosive thriller from the author of Last Son of the War God. Derek Martell is in a dead-end career, manning a fuel point in Eastern Iraq. It's a far fall from a life of fortune and glory, but he's lucky to have any job at all.

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Until he wakes up after a sandstorm to find Doomsday is at hand. The apocalypse has started, and his invite was late. A global catastrophe is unfolding, an epidemic that reaches every shore. Only genetic Arabs seem to be immune, and scores will be settled. One thousand years of tactical losses have been reversed in the blink of an eye. The Western world only has one card remaining to be played, a weapon of radiation and fire that has only been used twice. But backed up against the wall, what choice do they have? Teamed up with a ragtag band of other survivors, Derek is running against the clock through the burning desert. A counter strike is imminent, which won't matter if the locals get them first. All Derek needs is to find a plane. But first he has to dodge . . . the Sword of the Caliphate. Praise for Clay Martin's Last Son of the War God "A thrilling adventure that . . . offers real insight into the mind of a Special Forces soldier."—Guns America Digest "As page-turners go, this book is for certain one of them, but don't let that fool you into thinking the story is devoid of a sophisticated plot."—SOFREP In this novel based on true events, a young man from rural Kentucky discovers what matters most in life as a soldier in the Korean War. In January of 1950, Bradley leaves his family's Kentucky farm to join the US Army. He's eighteen years old and eager for adventure, new horizons, and a bigger paycheck. His service takes him halfway across the world to serve in the Korean War. It is there, amidst the perils of battle, that he discovers the most important thing. In The Most Important Thing author David Gross parlays his own father's life history into a moving novel about a young man's coming of age. It is a powerful story of resilience that explores the meaning of service, sacrifice, and heroism.

Drafted in October 1968, John A. Nesser left behind his wife and young son to fight in the controversial Vietnam War. Like many in his generation, he was deeply at odds with himself

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over the U.S. involvement in Vietnam, instilled with a strong sense of duty to his country but uncertain about its mission and his role in it. Nesser was deployed to the Ashau Valley, site of some of the war's heaviest fighting, and served eight months as an infantry rifleman before transferring to become a door gunner for a Chinook helicopter. In this stirring memoir, he recalls in detail the exhausting missions in the mountainous jungle, the terror of walking into an ambush, the dull-edged anxiety that filled quiet days, and the steady fear of being shot out of the sky. The accounts are richly illustrated with Nesser's own photographs of the military firebases and aircraft, the landscapes, and the people he encountered.

Traces the careers of three women involved in public land management and outlines opportunities for those interested in this field.

Walter McDermott graduated with honors from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1968, enlisted in the U.S. Army and was sent to the Mekong Delta in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War. A specialist with the Ninth Infantry Division, he provided artillery support to infantry patrols while struggling to cope with the authoritarian severity of the Army and the Alice-in-Wonderland madness of the war. His frank memoir relates the surreality of combat and traces his own metamorphosis from thoughtful undergrad to jaded veteran.

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Michael Maclear was the first Western television journalist admitted into wartime North Vietnam. He found himself caught in a terrible contradiction: Hanoi didn't censor his reporting, but a nervous CBC distrusted him, the RCMP and the Pentagon interfered, and President Nixon said he was "duped."

Bryce Walton was a prolific short story writer as well as a popular novelist. He began his career writing for the science fiction pulp magazines, and later moved into the more respectable (and higher paying) mystery short story and Young Adult book fields. Wildside Press has been working to reissue many of his classic works. Here, then, are four of his action-adventure novels aimed at the Young Adult market (they are quite readable for adults, too): Cave of Danger Harpoon Gunner Hurricane Reef The Fire Trail If you enjoy this ebook, don't forget to search your favorite ebook store for "Wildside Press Megapack" to see more of the 260+ volumes in this series, covering adventure, historical fiction, mysteries, westerns, ghost stories, science fiction -- and much, much more!

Dr Samuel Davisson has used his life experiences as a combat medic, emergency room physician and hospital chaplain to shed light upon the fears, neuroses, superstitions and social problems that surround our daily lives. This book is not a religious pamphlet that claims to have all the answers to life's questions. Instead, it is an invitation to explore our common humanity. Notes From The Eye Of The Storm also focuses on Dr Davisson's surviving a borderline

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psychotic mother, an initially terminal cancer diagnosis, and several attempts on his life. In addition, two chapters of the book are devoted to dismantling the ideologies behind religious extremism in all faiths. Throughout the book, the reader will find reasons to laugh. If we are going to examine the roots of our existence, we might as well have a little fun.

This novel is a dramatization of many of CDR Jeff Ahlins experiences on the USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63) in Vietnam and South East Asia between the summer of 1969 and the summer of 1971. During that time then Lt. Ahlin became friendly with one of the Naval Pilots from Squadron VA-192, The Golden Dragons. Lt. Dennis Pike flew the A7-E Corsair II and was a trombone player in the ships band, The Yankee Air Pirates, with Lt. Ahlin, who played the banjo. The story outlines some of the difficult circumstances, logistical problems and abject terror that permeated the jungle warfare. The U.S. Army Rangers and the U.S. Marines were subjected to many difficult battles in the Central Highlands, A Chau Valley, and near the borders of Cambodia, Laos, and the 17th Parallel, the border of North Vietnam. LCDR Pike was lost over Laos in the spring of 1972. Dennis and his aircraft vanished off the face of the earth. There were unconfirmed reports of him being held in a prison camp in Laos in the summer of 1972. In the fall of 2011 his helmet was found by a farmer in a stream in Laos. There were reports the Russians and Chinese took pieces of downed aircraft and six of our pilots as POWs; but all the pilots were released after the war. The question remains, what happened to LCDR Dennis Pike?

At the height of the Vietnam war, the U.S. Army drafted Norman Hile out of law school, trained him to be an artillery officer, and in August 1970 sent him to serve a one year combat tour in South Vietnam's I Corps, where the war was hottest. "Keeping Each Other Alive" is Hile's

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memoir of that combat tour. Quoting from letters he wrote home from the field, using photos he personally took of combat operations, and recounting his memories of that unforgettable year in war, Hile describes what it felt like to be an artillery forward observer in the field with an infantry company, and then an aerial observer in light planes and helicopters flying over enemy territory. “Keeping Each Other Alive” is a very personal account of what one soldier endured in a war that had already been lost when he arrived to fight it. Hile recounts the terror of nighttime mortar attacks, sweltering in Vietnam’s tropical heat and humidity while carrying a heavy pack, trying to spice up C-rations, surviving a monsoon storm on a mountainside, providing aerial cover for a convoy heading to see Bob Hope’s Christmas show, and being one of the first to arrive overhead at Firebase Mary Ann to witness one of the war’s worst debacles. Hile’s memoir allows the reader to experience not just the conditions that soldiers in the Vietnam war withstood, but also crackles with flashes of insanity, pathos and humor that soldiers in that war were bound to experience while trying to keep themselves and each other alive.

When America is taken over by the Army of Allah, it’s up to a team of rebel survivalists to save the nation in this military thriller. Eighteen months ago, America was invaded from within by the “Army of Allah.” Now, US veteran Jake Lantz and a ragtag team of survivalists have built a safehold on Pleasure Island. From this home base in the Gulf, they can reclaim our nation's natural gas wells for Phoenix, freedom’s last defense against Islamic invaders. But when US President Ohmshidi publicly admits that he is, and has always been, a Muslim, every American is forced to choose sides. Under presidential order, electric power—along with other “privileges”—will be restored to any citizen who pledges allegiance to the new regime. Instead of signing on, Jake and the Phoenix Group are reaching out to patriots across the nation to

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build an underground network of rebels. They'll do anything for their country, even if it means blowing this "New World Order" to kingdom come.

Leaving his college deferment behind, this son of a WWII veteran enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1967, to help in the Vietnam fight. He was assigned to Officer Candidate School, became a 2nd Lieutenant and led a platoon in combat in 1969, when he was only 21. As the war progressed, the country's enthusiasm and support deteriorated and upon his return to the U.S., the author discovered that his service wasn't always respected as being patriotic and worthwhile. Over the years his interest in history prompted him to try to explain why. *The Sun Sets On Vietnam* describes his combat experience in a very personal way, and includes his own photos and watercolor illustrations. His reflections on the war have helped him resolve the experience.

*Fiction Crown of the Nazarene: A Carmela Buenasuerte Case* Jesse Edward Corralez Pre-publication *The Crown* is the third installment in the Carmela Buenasuerte mystery series by Jesse Edward Corralez. In this book, Carmela and friends are called on to find an ancient relic the Vatican wishes to preserve for all of humankind regardless of religious affiliation. But the item's elusiveness suggests that its purpose does not include being housed in a museum. Archbishop Nicolas Rand, head of the Holy Antiquities Museum, is called on by the pope to authenticate a relic that is believed to be the crown of thorns that was worn by Jesus Christ during his crucifixion. The archbishop is given the directive to go to a museum in Switzerland and negotiate the purchase of the crown from the curator if he determines that it is the real thing. Money is no obstacle. Once in Switzerland, the archbishop is shown pictures of the thorny wreath that a former visitor to the Switzerland museum sent to the curator. The



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archbishop and the curator travel to Portland, Oregon, to authenticate the wreath. When they arrive, they are informed that the wreath was taken during a robbery of the owner's condo. Enter Carmela Buenasuerte, the crack private investigator who solved the curbside recycling and warehouse robbery mysteries. When her husband, police officer Shawn Sparrow, takes on the case of the stolen wreath with few results, Carmela's services are retained. As the couple begins to acquire bits of information about the location of the wreath, first at a pawnshop and then across the country in New York City, they recruit their friends Abraham Joseph Dooley and Gideon Nathan Blaze, owners of a special security and transport business, to help with the search. The jaunt to New York to recover the wreath from a couple who'd been visiting Portland leads the group all over the globe including Italy, Israel, Syria, and Iraq. With each attempt to retrieve the wreath, the foursome encounters people who have experienced a miracle after coming in contact with the crown: a child blind from birth can suddenly see and recognize her surroundings; a woman disfigured and crippled in a car accident as a child becomes beautiful and all her physical deformities are corrected; and a man who was positive for AIDS shows absolutely no signs of the disease after coming in contact with the wreath. Corralez achieves in this book what he does best as a writer: the combination of action with a focus on human behavior—the good and the bad—to weave a tale that not only entertains, but feeds the spirit. While the search for the crown of thorns is endless, one can determine that the wreath is not supposed to be found and possessed by one person or institution. The crown appears to belong to everyone, and as a result, it should be free to circulate among the masses. *Crown of the Nazarene* is a strong addition to the Carmela Buenasuerte series. I highly recommend it. Melissa Levine for Independent Professional Book Reviewers

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A Medal of Honor recipient shares the story of his military career, recounting his deployment to Afghanistan's volatile Korengal Valley and his life-risking efforts to provide medical aid to wounded fellow soldiers during an October 2007 Taliban ambush.

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Moving through the jungle near the Cambodian border on May 18, 1967, a company of American infantry observed three North Vietnamese Army regulars, AK-47s slung over their shoulders, walking down a well-worn trail in the rugged Central Highlands. Startled by shouts of “Lai day, lai day” (“Come here, come here”), the three men dropped their packs and fled. The company commander, a young lieutenant, sent a platoon down the trail to investigate. Those few men soon found themselves outnumbered, surrounded, and fighting for their lives. Their first desperate moments marked the beginning of a series of bloody battles that lasted more than a week, one that survivors would later call “the nine days in May border battles.”

Nine Days in May is the first full account of these bitterly contested battles. Part of Operation

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Francis Marion, they took place in the Ia Tchar Valley and the remote jungle west of Pleiku. Fought between three American battalions and two North Vietnamese Army regiments, this prolonged, deadly encounter was one of the largest, most savage actions seen by elements of the storied 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. Drawing on interviews with the participants, Warren K. Wilkins recreates the vicious fighting in gripping detail. This is a story of extraordinary courage and sacrifice displayed in a series of battles that were fought and won within the context of a broader, intractable strategic stalemate. When the guns finally fell silent, an unheralded American brigade received a Presidential Unit Citation and earned three of the twelve Medals of Honor awarded to soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam.

Except for stints as a US Army Airborne Ranger in the jungles of Viet Nam and academia at the University of Texas, the author's life remained intertwined within the historical communities of Moro and Bluff Creek, Texas, with their occupants who came for that American dream following the tumultuous aftermath of America's Civil War. In this melting pot of family and neighbors, the author grew up and was drafted into the US Army, received an advanced engineering degree, farmed and ranched, designed infrastructure as a professional engineer, became a firefighter and medic, flew planes, played the piano, practiced archaeology, fought the proposed location of a 345 KV transmission line, and successfully raised a family . . . all the while observing from within . . . this once utopian community of Moro, Texas, slowly morph into oblivion. the author analyzes his choices in life among circumstances . . . Was it free choice or simply a reaction to the witches' brew served, or was it a horse that suddenly appeared and must be ridden?

(Contains copyright material) The case studies cover ten provinces in Afghanistan's south and

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east. They describe the diverse conditions these units faced, how they responded to these conditions, what worked and what did not, and the successes they achieved. Some of the book's key themes include: \* Dealing with a localized insurgency \* Navigating the political terrain \* Searching for political solutions \* Engaging the population and building popular support \* Using reconstruction funds \* Protecting the population \* Employing restraint in the use of force \* Finding the right balance between concentration and dispersion \* Maintaining continuity \* Operating with little strategic guidance

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