

Victor Two Inside Iraq The Successful Sas Mission

This book explores how military memoirs come to be written and published. Looking at the journeys through which soldiers and other military personnel become writers, the authors draw on over 250 military memoirs published since 1980 about service with the British armed forces, and on interviews with published military memoirists who talk in detail about the writing and production of their books. A range of themes are explored including: the nature of the military memoir; motivations for writing; authors' reflections on their readerships; inclusions and exclusions within the text; the memories and materials that authors draw on; the collaborations that make the production and publication of military memoirs possible; and the issues around the design of military memoirs' distinctive covers. Written by two leading commentators on the sociology of the military, *Bringing War to Book* offers a new and original argument about the representations of war and the military experience as a process of social production. The book will be of interest to students and scholars across a range of disciplines including sociology, history, and cultural studies.

The *Historical Dictionary of Iraq* begins with the earliest civilizations and covers the many periods that followed, ranging from the history of ancient Mesopotamia to the Abbasid Empire to present-day Iraq. Included are a historical overview; a country profile; a review of the economy, oil, fauna, and political institution; coverage of the Iran-Iraq War; and coverage of the Kuwait invasion and the second Gulf War and other conflicts. The major ethnic groups such as the Kurds, the Turkumans and the Assyrians, Islam and Muslim sects, Christianity and Christian sects, as well as other religious groups are profiled. Dictionary entries also highlight

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the main political, religious, and ideological parties, groups, and organizations; major historical personalities; languages; literature; and cultural elements. A broad range of topics, both ancient and modern, are dealt with throughout the introduction and the dictionary, and a comprehensive bibliography complements this extensive historical reference.

From 1980 to 1988 Iran and Iraq fought the longest conventional war of the century. It included tragic slaughter of child soldiers, use of chemical weapons, striking of civilian shipping, and destruction of cities. Pierre Razoux offers an unflinching look at a conflict seared into the region's collective memory but little understood in the West.

Shocking and inspirational Memoir of Neurosurgeon who while operating on near 1400 war casualties, escaped death countless number of times and survived the 3 wars in Iraq including the bombardment of his house and the indiscriminate shelling of the city of Basrah during the 8 years long Iraq Iran followed by the gulf wars. He describes his operative experience and the management of the war wounded in particular. It also covers his Neurosurgery experience in 4 countries in peaceful times.

Robert Ellis, a former Army nurse, makes a legitimate claim that he spent more time with the former strong man of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, than any other American. For 8 months in his deployment at Camp Cropper near Baghdad, Robert was responsible for the health and well-being of the Army's high value detainees depicted on the infamous deck of cards showing Iraq's Most Wanted. In particular, he was charged with keeping the deposed Iraqi dictator, known by his code name Victor, not only alive but well. "Caring for Victor" is the story of the author's experience and complicated relationship with Saddam and how that experience developed and was shaped by events in Robert's own life including two sad journeys he made

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back to St. Louis to deal with family deaths, first his mother and then his brother. Robert also covers his dealings with some of the other high value detainees, and presents an exclusive look at the everyday life of a soldier during the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

By virtually any means of measurement, postwar Iraq has become a more bloodied and embattled settlement than ever envisaged. But were the seeds of these problems sown long before military force had been committed? This lucid and detailed examination of US foreign policy evaluates the continuity and divergence in the strategies of the Bush, Clinton and Bush Jr administrations and their efforts to respond to the Iraqi threat, and how those strategies have bequeathed a legacy of problems to those trying to rebuild a postwar Iraq. Offering the most comprehensive analysis of the dynamics that paved the way for renewed conflict in Iraq, the book provides a descriptive account of attempts to confront a host of political pressures, from the need for international cooperation in postwar Iraq, to dealing with the influx of foreign fighters and their quest to force American withdrawal. This essential volume provides analysts, observers and policy makers with guidelines and prescriptions about the future of postwar Iraq and detailed analysis of lessons learned both during and after the military and reconstruction phases.

The exploits of the British Army's elite 22nd Special Air Service Regiment - the regiment of the SAS that forms part of the Regular army - are shrouded in mystery and myths abound about its members. But what is the truth behind the public facade of clinical professionalism? How has such a small regiment attracted so many weighty legends? And what is the purpose of the SAS in the 21st century? "Special Force" provides an original and unusually critical overview of the activities of the SAS from the Malayan Emergency of 1950 to the present day. In the context of

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a detailed and often controversial analysis of the post-war activities of the Regiment, MacKenzie establishes that the Regiment's almost legendary professional competence is often not backed up by reality. Far from being part of a structured deployment of strategic military assets, MacKenzie argues that the use of the SAS in recent years has been primarily driven by the 'entrepreneurial' actions of a few SAS commanding officers. "Special Force" not only offers a revelatory history of the SAS in the modern period, it is also a disturbing expose of the truth behind the myth. It will be essential reading for anyone with an interest in the British military - past, present and future.

Iraq, Lies, Cover-ups, and Consequences, was written by former government agent Rodney Stich. Stich had traveled, resided, and worked in the Middle East as an airline captain, flying Muslim pilgrims to the Muslim holy cities of Mecca and Medina. He was in Iran the morning of the revolution engineered by the CIA that overthrew Mossadegh and installed the U.S. puppet, the Shah. Information in the book is also provided by former CIA assets who had considerable experience in the Middle East, undermining various governments on behalf of the CIA and White House politicians. Stich has appeared as guest on over 3,000 radio and television shows since 1978 in the United States, Canada, and Europe.

This volume offers a wide-ranging examination of the Iran–Iraq War (1980–88), featuring fresh regional and international perspectives derived from recently available new archival material. Three decades ago Iran and Iraq became embroiled in a devastating eight-year war which served to re-define the international relations of the

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Gulf region. The Iran–Iraq War stands as an anomaly in the Cold War era; it was the only significant conflict in which the interests of the United States and Soviet Union unwittingly aligned, with both superpowers ultimately supporting the Iraqi regime. The Iran–Iraq War re-assesses not only the superpower role in the conflict but also the war’s regional and wider international dimensions by bringing to the fore fresh evidence and new perspectives from a variety of sources. It focuses on a number of themes including the economic dimensions of the war and the roles played by a variety of powers, including the Gulf States, Turkey, France, the Soviet Union and the United States. The contributions to the volume serve to underline that the Iran–Iraq war was a defining conflict, shaping the perspectives of the key protagonists for a generation to come. This book will be of much interest to students of international and Cold War history, Middle Eastern politics, foreign policy, and International Relations in general. After he constructs a corpse from body parts found on the street, Hadi wants the government to prepare a proper burial, but when the corpse goes missing, a series of strange murders occur and Hadi realizes he has created a monster. ‘The President was led to believe from Tony Blair that Barbara Renton might make trouble by letting the world’s press know that bin Laden is already dead, that Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with 9/11, and that the weapons of mass destruction that are in Iraq have been so well hidden that they can never be found. In other words, there would be no earthly reason for invading Iraq.’ ‘But if she’s dead, what’s your

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problem?’ ‘I have a gut feeling that she escaped and almost certainly killed our men.’ Iraq’s Retribution is the final book in R. W. Kay’s explosive trilogy. In the first book, A Nastia Game, we meet Kathab al Jised, known as Kate, the head of research, development and storage of Iraq’s weapons programme during the Iran-Iraq war. She falls in love with and marries James, an RAF software engineer who has been seconded to help International Computers Limited sell a computer war game to Iraq. Kate begins feeding MI6 with Iraq’s plans and hiding supplies of biological weapons supplied from America. In Bin Laden’s Nemesis, Juan Quayle, a gifted linguist, is recruited by Britain’s Security Services to infiltrate al-Qaeda. Having gained their trust, he teaches at a madrassa, learning much about their organisation and aims. After returning to the UK and debriefing MI6, he retires, but the tentacles of al-Qaeda catch up and destroy his wife and children. Vowing revenge, Quayle re-joins MI6 whose new director is Barbara Renton. They begin a passionate affair and hatch a plan to assassinate Osama bin Laden. In R.W. Kay’s final book, Iraq’s Retribution, Kate’s husband and Juan’s partner are assassinated by the CIA. Using Kate’s knowledge of biological weapons, their vengeance is to plot the massacre of innocent American children... Like Kay’s first two books, this gripping novel will appeal to fans of political thrillers and suspense fiction.

The attempt in 2004 to draft an interim constitution in Iraq and the effort to enact a permanent one in 2005 were unintended outcomes of the American occupation, which

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first sought to impose a constitution by its agents. This two-stage constitution-making paradigm, implemented in a wholly unplanned move by the Iraqis and their American sponsors, formed a kind of compromise between the populist-democratic project of Shi'ite clerics and America's external interference. As long as it was used in a coherent and legitimate way, the method held promise. Unfortunately, the logic of external imposition and political exclusion compromised the negotiations. Andrew Arato is the first person to record this historic process and analyze its special problems. He compares the drafting of the Iraqi constitution to similar, externally imposed constitutional revolutions by the United States, especially in Japan and Germany, and identifies the political missteps that contributed to problems of learning and legitimacy. Instead of claiming that the right model of constitution making would have maintained stability in Iraq, Arato focuses on the fragile opportunity for democratization that was strengthened only slightly by the methods used to draft a constitution. Arato contends that this event would have benefited greatly from an overall framework of internationalization, and he argues that a better set of guidelines (rather than the obsolete Hague and Geneva regulations) should be followed in the future. With access to an extensive body of literature, Arato highlights the difficulty of exporting democracy to a country that opposes all such foreign designs and fundamentally disagrees on matters of political identity.

An SAS soldier explains the battle history of this prestigious military service, while

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teaching how you can defend yourself in both hand-to-hand and military combat. Seventy years after its inception, the Special Air Service (SAS) is recognized by many as one of the most decorated military forces in the world. Their soldiers do battle on a daily basis, taking actions that are normally swift, very hard hitting, and extremely secretive. They will go—willingly—deep behind enemy lines, taking on incredible odds and risking their lives in the hope of rescuing others. In the SAS Combat Handbook, you will be informed on all aspects of SAS operations. With never-before-seen photographs of these heroes in action and untold stories of individual acts of bravery, you will be taught the key combat methods that have made this military group exactly what they are: elite. Included are training tips that will teach you about various military tactics, such as: The art of cover and remaining hidden behind enemy lines The keys to covert insertion and extraction operations Counterterrorism skills, including building entry, ambush, and sniping Fire battles on land, in the air, or at sea And so much more From the gathering of intelligence to undercover operations, the SAS is made up of two hundred men who are rigorously selected, highly trained, and ready to face what others fear. They know what it takes to get the job done, and no matter the situation, their combat skills are the best in the business.

A Dubya in the Headlights trains a critical eye on the curious interaction between America's forty-third president and the people who write about him, talk about him, photograph him, and draw him. Joseph R. Hayden details a rough, often tense,

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relationship between President George W. Bush and media outlets from CBS to the New York Times to The Tonight Show. He also challenges what until recently was the conventional wisdom about Bush's public relations-the notion that the White House was a masterful manipulator of the media, a Machiavellian puppet master. According to Hayden, those types of characterizations are not just overly generous; they are distortions and a cop-out for the press. Focusing in particular on the period since Hurricane Katrina, this lively and timely volume details the pattern of mistakes made by the Bush administration in carrying out its communication strategy and offers a clear portrait of a president stumbling from one crisis to another. Book jacket.

This explosive true account of Delta's very own Bravo Two Zero during the 1991 Gulf War. Compromised deep inside Iraq with one operator mortally wounded and one severely injured. An eight man Delta team was in a fight for their lives as they were chased across the Iraqi Desert by the Iraqi Army. Being captured was not an option as Delta made use of every bit of high-tech kit and air assets to get their men out alive. Being chased by armor and thousands of Iraqi soldiers who had flooded the area. Enduring the cold and unforgiving terrain along with a hostile local populous. This rarely told true story follows one top secret Special Forces raid to hunt down and destroy Scud missiles threatening to cause the collapse of the Arab alliance if Israel entered the war. Often overlooked Delta Force have been on a constant war footing sine their first ill-fated Operation Eagle Claw mission in 1979. Set up as a counter terrorist unit based on

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the British SAS by Col Charles Beckwith. Delta Force is known for its excellent planning process, scientific approach to assaults, physical training and amazing marksmanship and are every bit as capable as SEAL Team Six and the SAS. They were involved in the capture of Saddam Hussein and Operation Gothic Serpent in Mogadishu and have fought in virtually every recent war zone since their inception.

In his acclaimed collection *An Autumn of War*, the scholar and military historian Victor Davis Hanson expressed powerful and provocative views of September 11 and the ensuing war in Afghanistan. Now, in these challenging new essays, he examines the world's ongoing war on terrorism, from America to Iraq, from Europe to Israel, and beyond. In direct language, Hanson portrays an America making progress against Islamic fundamentalism but hampered by the self-hatred of elite academics at home and the cynical self-interest of allies abroad. He sees a new and urgent struggle of evil against good, one that can fail only if "we convince ourselves that our enemies fight because of something we, rather than they, did." Whether it's a clear-cut defense of Israel as a secular democracy, a denunciation of how the U.N. undermines the U.S., a plea to drastically alter our alliance with Saudi Arabia, or a perception that postwar Iraq is reaching a dangerous tipping point, Hanson's arguments have the shock of candor and the fire of conviction.

The Iran-Iraq War, which ended in the summer of 1988, a month short of its eighth anniversary, is undoubtedly the Third World's longest and bloodiest conflict in a half-

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century. As such, its lessons and implications extend beyond the geographical confines of the Middle East. Bringing together Israeli, American and European specialists from the fields of Middle East history, international relations, strategy and economics, this book offers the first comprehensive post bellum analysis of the impact and implications of the Iran-Iraq war. The book starts with an examination of the war's impact on the domestic and foreign affairs of the two belligerents, continues with a discussion of the political ramifications of the war in both the regional and the global spheres, and concludes by analysing the economic, military and strategic implications.

Returning to Manchester, Rita and Yansis's young son Daniel goes missing and Rita faces a race against time to unmask the perpetrators - but this time she has her Special Task Force brother to help her. The third in The Riverhill Trilogy.

From the award-winning author of *The Rise of Islamic State*, the essential story of the Middle East's disintegration *The Age of Jihad* charts the turmoil of today's Middle East and the devastating role the West has played in the region from 2001 to the present. Beginning with the US-led invasion of Afghanistan, Cockburn explores the vast geopolitical struggle that is the Sunni-Shia conflict, a clash that shapes the war on terror, western military interventions, the evolution of the insurgency, the civil wars in Yemen, Libya and Syria, the Arab Spring, the fall of regional dictators, and the rise of Islamic State. As Cockburn shows in arresting detail, Islamic State did not explode into existence in Syria in the wake of the Arab Spring, as conventional wisdom would have

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it. The organization gestated over several years in occupied Iraq, before growing to the point where it can threaten the stability of the whole region. Cockburn was the first Western journalist to warn of the dangers posed by Islamic State. His originality and breadth of vision make *The Age of Jihad* the most in-depth analysis of the regional crisis in the Middle East to date.

With the outbreak of Gulf War hostilities a unit from 22 SAS slipped quietly over the border and into the enemy's backyard. It would be six weeks before any of the patrol again reached safety. *Sabre Squadron* recounts in graphic detail their scud-busting operations deep inside Iraq. They were operating alone and out of reach of reinforcements, with the threat of detection and its fatal consequences ever present. Yet their determination to wreak havoc behind enemy lines remained undimmed, culminating in an attack that decisively reconfirmed the regiment's awesome reputation. Cameron Spence, a senior NCO on the operation, takes you as close to the fighting SAS as you are ever likely to get, conveying the relentless tension, black humour and camaraderie punctuated by explosive, nerve-shredding action that characterized the mission. This is the true story of an SAS operation of breathtaking audacity and flair, carried out under unimaginable pressure, in the face of impossible odds.

_____ 'A brilliantly authentic account of war with an SAS patrol, it's a fantastic read' - ANDY MCNAB, bestselling author of *Bravo Two Zero* 'Tense and at times terrifying... a well told action story' - SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 'A terrific read' - THE

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TIMES 'Blood, guts and military macho - as authentic as anything you are likely to read'
- MAIL ON SUNDAY

Peter Ratcliffe served in the SAS for twenty-five years. Blooded in Oman in the 1970s, he also saw action in Northern Ireland, in the Falklands War, and in the Gulf campaign. From his early days in the Paras to his time as Regimental Sergeant-Major in the Gulf, he has lived and fought by the motto 'Who Dares Wins'. *Eye of the Storm* is his insider's account of that exceptional career. Fastpaced, earthy, dramatic, funny, occasionally disturbing, it is laced with firsthand descriptions of ferocious and bloody fighting, sudden death and incredible heroism, and peopled with a cast of extraordinary individuals. Beyond that, however, it corrects many of the distortions and exaggerations of other books, and explodes several long-standing myths about the Regiment. Here - at last - is the authentic voice of the SAS. This enhanced edition contains additional audio and text material: - Audio Recording of an SAS Firefight in Oman, 1973 - *The Little Book of SAS* by Peter Ratcliffe, an extensive glossary of SAS terms

Offering the widest breadth of policy issue coverage on the market, the sixth edition of this well-regarded text covers events through the 2016 elections and beyond. Though the content has been extensively and thoughtfully revised and updated, the sixth edition maintains its clear approach, without an overreliance on policy theory, and popular threefold structure: First, it introduces readers to the American approach to public policy making as it has been shaped by our political institutions, changing circumstances, and

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ideology. Second, it surveys all of the major policy areas from foreign policy to health care policy to environmental policy, and does so with well-selected illustrations, case studies, terms, and study questions. Third, it provides readers with analytical tools and frameworks to examine current problems and be able to understand and critique proposed public policy solutions. New to the sixth edition is an exploration of: The Affordable Care Act and its implementation, controversies, and impact The American economy since the end of the Great Recession, trade policy, and economic equality issues Foreign policy including relations with Russia, China, and Iran, as well as the civil war in Syria, the continuing conflicts in Iraq, and the challenge of ISIS The US Criminal Justice system and its incarceration challenges as well as issues of minorities, police, and crime. This new edition includes, for the first time, a test bank with multiple choice, short answer, and discussion/essay questions as well as an instructor's manual. Public Policy in the United States, 6e is an ideal undergraduate text for introductory courses on American Public Policy and Politics, and can be used as supplementary reading in undergraduate courses on policy process, policy analysis, and American government.

Do you ever wrestle with the questions "How do I measure up in this world?" or "Does God really want to use me?" You are not alone. In your quest to identify and connect with your greater purpose in this world of ever-changing expectations and norms, Royal Reflections is a journey where we will discover answers to these questions with clarity

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and confidence. This is a royal invitation to discover the power of living as a child of God. As a woman, something inside each of us yearns for authentic relationships and for direction. Royal Reflections is the tale of the making of a modern-day warrior princess whose yearning became her reality. Prepare to be escorted through a biblical treasure hunt that is intertwined with personal testimony. Royal Reflections is a place to connect and establish a solid foundation of one's spiritual identity in Christ, to be inspired, and to be empowered to live an abundant life with clarity in a real, authentic relationship with the Lord, our King, and His people.

Victor Two Inside Iraq: the Crucial SAS Mission Bloomsbury Publishing

One squadron from Delta Force arrived in Saudi Arabia in early February 1991, as part of the Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF). Whilst the British SAS through the tales of Bravo Two Zero and Victor Two, seemed to steal most of the headlines in 1991. Delta Force also played a vital role in hunting down and destroying the Scud missile threat in the Iraqi desert. In response to coalition air strikes against Iraqi forces in the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam Hussein ordered a series of SCUD missile strikes against Israel. These were of little military value, however, Saddam Hussein realized the political impact. He knew Israel would want to enter the war to retaliate, which would have then dissolved the Arab coalition of countries aligned with the US against Saddam. The hunt for SCUD missiles was hard; due to the mobility of these launches. These mobile launches needed to be found fast and eradicated.

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A hard-hitting history of special-forces operations over the past fifty years in the United States, United Kingdom, and Israel. After eight challenging years in Afghanistan, the new U.S. strategy, aimed at winning hearts and minds rather than search-and-destroy, refocuses the conflict on Special Forces: unorthodox soldiers who work outside of traditional military forces to combine secret military operations with nation building. Tony Geraghty, an expert author in this field for almost thirty years, unveils the extraordinary evolution of this refined style of war-making from its roots in anti-guerrilla warfare in Ireland and Palestine, by way of the creation of the C.I.A., the S.A.S., the Green Berets, America's Office of Strategic Services (O.S.S.), and many others, including Mossad. This history is more than a tale of derring-do, although James Bond-

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like characters stalk every page. It is a sweeping examination of Black Ops at a time when they represent the future of an open-ended global war against terrorism. Here are thirty true and graphic accounts of the most heroic SAS and special-forces missions ever undertaken into the most dangerous place of all - behind enemy lines. Bang up to date, this unputdownable collection includes the most recent operations into Iraq in 2003, Afghanistan and Bosnia, and features the entire range of special forces from SAS, Commandos and Rangers to Navy SEALs and Paratroopers. Also included are several accounts that lift the veil - clandestine 'eyes-only' operations of ultimate danger, such as 1 SAS's attempted assassination of Rommel and 22 SAS's 'claret' raids into Indonesia in 1964. Each account is introduced by a mini-essay illustrating fascinating pieces of special-forces hardware, kit or training, such as SAS Evasion and Rescue training, the Accuracy International L96A1 sniper rifle and US Special Forces selection.

Draws on interviews with General Tommy Franks, Condoleezza Rice, and other officials and military personnel to provide a behind-the-scenes look at the decision-making process that determined the nature of American involvement in Iraq.

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Iraq, Its Neighbors, and the United States examines how Iraq's evolving political order affects its complex relationships with its neighbors and the United States. The book depicts a region unbalanced, shaped by new and old tensions, struggling with a classic collective action dilemma, and anxious about Iraq's political future, as well as America's role in the region, all of which suggest trouble ahead absent concerted efforts to promote regional cooperation. In the volume's case studies, acclaimed scholars and experts review Iraq's bilateral relationships with Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf Arab States, Syria, and Jordan and explore how Iraq's neighbors could advance the country's transition to security and stability.

Highly-trained and immensely skilled, the SAS are widely regarded as one of the best Special Forces units in the world. Their missions are uniquely diverse, ranging from counter-terrorist responses at home and abroad; counter-insurgency in collaboration with US Delta Force and other foreign Special Forces; mobile operations in support of conventional forces; targeting terrorist leaders and man-hunting war criminals, to 'direct

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action' raids. This book charts the changing organization and operational emphases of the Regiment over the past 25 years; its individual deployments and operations, including those planned but aborted, joint missions with other British and foreign units. It sheds light on the SAS's involvement in the Troubles of Northern Ireland, their operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the widespread use of the SAS in counter terrorism and counterinsurgency operations since 9/11.

An underemployed, skateboarding party animal, Colby Buzzell traded a dead-end future for the army—and ended up as a machine gunner in Iraq. To make sense of the absurd and frightening events surrounding him, he started writing a blog about the war—and how it differed from the government's official version. But as his blog's popularity grew, Buzzell became the embedded reporter the Army couldn't control—despite its often hilarious efforts to do so. The result is an extraordinary narrative, rich with unforgettable scenes: the Iraqi woman crying uncontrollably during a raid on her home; the soldier too afraid to fight; the troops chain-smoking in a guard tower and counting tracer rounds; the first, fierce firefight against the “men in black.” Drawing comparisons to everything from Charles Bukowski to *Catch-22*, *My War* depicts a generation caught in a complicated and dangerous world—and marks the debut of a raw, remarkable new voice.

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