

# The True Story of Ground Soldiers in the CIA's War Against Terrorism

When the Twin Towers fell on September 11, 2001, the world changed forever. This brutal act of terrorism shook the United States to its core, prompting the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to declare war against those responsible and their global network. In the years that followed, a secret army of highly trained ground soldiers emerged, fighting quietly in the shadows to protect their country and dismantle terrorist organizations around the world.

Unlike traditional soldiers who wear uniforms and fight on the frontlines, these ground soldiers operate in secrecy, undercover, and with a laser focus on intelligence gathering and eliminating high-value targets. This is the untold story of the unsung heroes who risk their lives every day in the CIA's relentless war against terrorism.

## The Elite Selection Process

The journey to becoming a ground soldier in the CIA is not for the faint of heart. The agency oversees a rigorous selection process designed to identify and recruit individuals with exceptional physical and mental capabilities, as well as a deep sense of patriotism. Prospective candidates undergo a grueling series of intense physical tests, psychological evaluations, and background checks.

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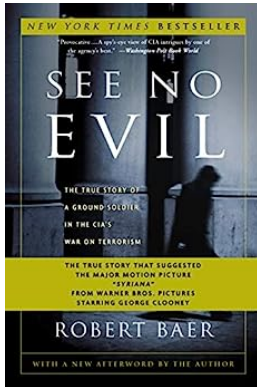
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Once accepted, recruits are subjected to a rigorous training program that pushes them to their limits. From combat techniques to mastering multiple languages, these soldiers are honed into versatile assets with the skills needed to navigate complex and dangerous situations with precision and effectiveness.

## **Fugitives, Informants, and Undercover Missions**

Ground soldiers are frequently deployed on undercover missions, where they operate in hostile environments, blending seamlessly into the local population. Their primary objective is to gather vital intelligence that can lead to the capture or elimination of high-value targets. This involves tracking down fugitives, cultivating informants, and infiltrating terrorist organizations.

These soldiers leverage their language skills, cultural knowledge, and finely-honed instincts to gather critical information on terrorist activities, strategies, and vulnerabilities. They work closely with local law enforcement and intelligence agencies, sharing insights and collaborating on missions that transcend international borders.

## **The Silent Heroes**

The work of ground soldiers in the CIA remains largely unknown to the public. From thwarting potential terrorist attacks to arresting key figures, their successes rarely make headlines. These unsung heroes operate in the shadows, sacrificing personal recognition for the greater good.

Their contributions, however, cannot be overstated. The intelligence gathered by these ground soldiers plays a crucial role in preventing future attacks and dismantling terrorist networks worldwide. Their dedication and selflessness in the face of danger often go unrecognized, but their impact resonates across nations and generations.

## **The Emotional Toll**

While ground soldiers are trained to withstand physical challenges, the emotional toll of their work should not be underestimated. Constantly operating under extreme stress, they witness firsthand the horrors and atrocities committed by terrorist groups.

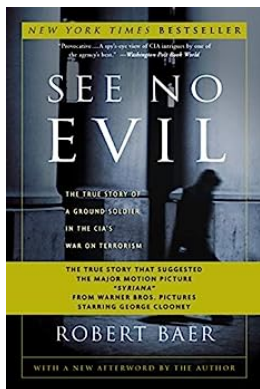
The intense pressure and danger they face can lead to psychological and emotional trauma. The CIA invests heavily in providing counseling and support services to ensure the well-being of its ground soldiers. However, the experiences they endure can leave lasting scars on their mental health.

## **Legacy of Bravery**

The CIA's ground soldiers have, without a doubt, played a crucial role in the global war on terrorism. Their relentless pursuit of justice has saved countless lives and prevented numerous attacks. Their legacy of bravery serves as a testament to their unwavering commitment to protecting the world from those who seek to destroy it.

As the war against terrorism continues, the work of these ground soldiers will remain essential. Though their efforts may go unnoticed by the masses, their sacrifices and contributions deserve our utmost respect and gratitude.

Let us remember and honor the true story of these unsung warriors who fight fearlessly, both in the battlefield and behind the scenes, to keep our world safe.



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In *See No Evil*, one of the CIA's top field officers of the past quarter century recounts his career running agents in the back alleys of the Middle East. In the process, Robert Baer paints a chilling picture of how terrorism works on the inside and provides compelling evidence about how Washington politics sabotaged the CIA's efforts to root out the world's deadliest terrorists.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, the world witnessed the terrible result of that intelligence failure with the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. In the wake of those attacks, Americans were left wondering how such

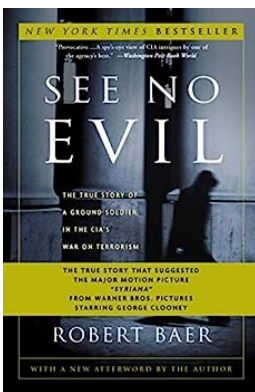
an obviously long-term, globally coordinated plot could have escaped detection by the CIA and taken the nation by surprise. Robert Baer was not surprised. A twenty-one-year veteran of the CIA's Directorate of Operations who had left the agency in 1997, Baer observed firsthand how an increasingly bureaucratic CIA lost its way in the post-cold war world and refused to adequately acknowledge and neutralize the growing threat of Islamic fundamentalist terror in the Middle East and elsewhere.

A throwback to the days when CIA operatives got results by getting their hands dirty and running covert operations, Baer spent his career chasing down leads on suspected terrorists in the world's most volatile hot spots. As he and his agents risked their lives gathering intelligence, he watched as the CIA reduced drastically its operations overseas, failed to put in place people who knew local languages and customs, and rewarded workers who knew how to play the political games of the agency's suburban Washington headquarters but not how to recruit agents on the ground.

See No Evil is not only a candid memoir of the education and disillusionment of an intelligence operative but also an unprecedented look at the roots of modern terrorism. Baer reveals some of the disturbing details he uncovered in his work, including:

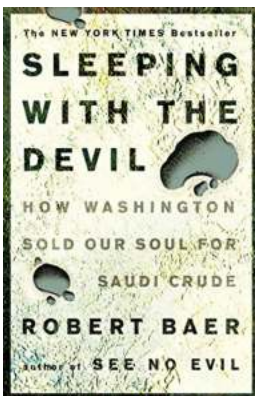
- \* In 1996, Osama bin Laden established a strategic alliance with Iran to coordinate terrorist attacks against the United States.
- \* In 1995, the National Security Council intentionally aborted a military coup d'etat against Saddam Hussein, forgoing the last opportunity to get rid of him.
- \* In 1991, the CIA intentionally shut down its operations in Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia, and ignored fundamentalists operating there.

When Baer left the agency in 1997 he received the Career Intelligence Medal, with a citation that says, “He repeatedly put himself in personal danger, working the hardest targets, in service to his country.” See No Evil is Baer’s frank assessment of an agency that forgot that “service to country” must transcend politics and is a forceful plea for the CIA to return to its original mission—the preservation of our national sovereignty and the American way of life.



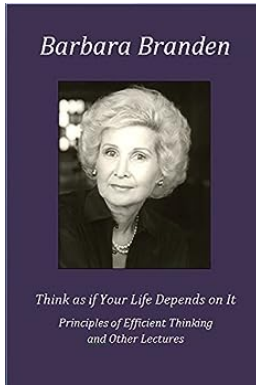
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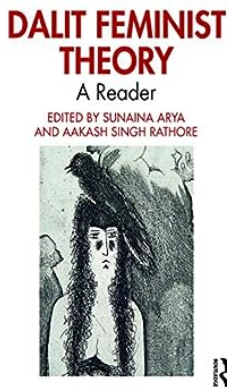
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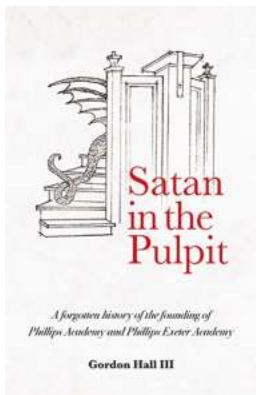
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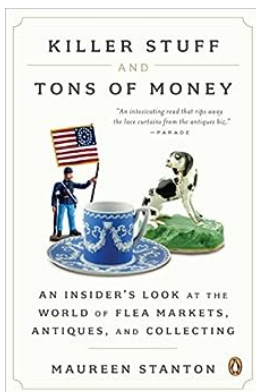
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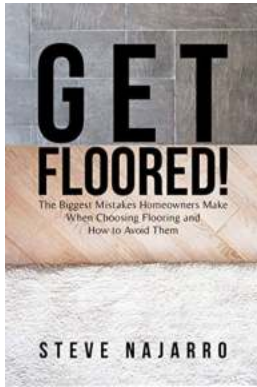
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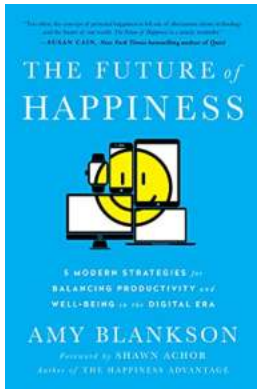
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