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Improving the Understanding of Special Operations Nov 07 2021 This report examines U.S. decisions related to the development or use of special operations forces. It should assist in future planning and execution by the Army Special Operations Forces, the U.S. Army, and the joint special operations community.

Stand Fast Jul 23 2020 To win this fight, they'll have to make a stand. DEA Special Agent Jaliya Rabani has fought long and hard to gain her independence, and she refuses to let anyone threaten that. Then the one man who entices her is suddenly thrust back into her life at the most unexpected moment, throwing her carefully controlled world off-balance. With persistent determination, her fellow agent slips past her guard as the danger mounts around them. But by the time she realizes what a coward she's been for holding back, their time is up. A traitorous enemy has finally made his move, and no one is safe from the coming storm. Even if it costs them their lives. FAST Bravo member Zaid Khan is tired of looking for love in all the wrong places, so the last thing he expects is to fall for someone while on deployment in Afghanistan. His team's sexy intelligence specialist is strong, driven, and unlike any other woman he's ever met. When the murderous drug smuggler they're trying to capture targets her team, Zaid's protective instincts go into overdrive. He'll guard Jaliya whenever possible, intent on proving that they're meant to be together. But danger is closer than they imagined, and when the faceless enemy's shocking identity is finally revealed, Zaid and his teammates find themselves plunged into the fight of their lives.

Betrayed Jan 09 2022 Torn apart by lies and a hail of bullets... Georgia Randall is a government-trained killer with nothing left to live for except the burning need for revenge. She's lost everything she cared about, including the only man she ever loved, and now her past has caught up with her. Shadowy enemies are on the move, determined to silence her before she can kill her remaining targets. But when the man she's been mourning suddenly turns up to confront her, Georgia must face the consequences of the lies she told to conceal her double life. And even if she wins him back and survives what's coming, she knows a happy ending isn't possible for someone like her. Only revealing their darkest secrets can bring them back together. Against all odds, notorious assassin Miguel Bautista clawed his way back from the brink of death. Now he wants answers. For months he's been tormented by the devastating truth about the one bright spot in his dark and violent past: the woman he fell in love with was nothing but a lie. When he learns she's in danger and is offered the chance to save her, he signs a deal with the devil to protect her. They already lost each other once. If any of what they shared was real, this time he's not letting her go. But if they're going to have a prayer at a future together they must first evade the enemies closing in on them—and fight to stay alive.

Extinguished Dec 16 2019 She's wanted him forever... For years former Marine Jordyn Bridger has been in love with a man who refused to see her as anything but his best friend's little sister. A mind-blowing kiss finally changed that, but then he disappeared from her life. Now he's back, to recruit her for a job with his NSA-sanctioned Titanium Security team. They're going after the terrorist responsible for the recent attacks on their team and Jordyn is eager to lend her skill set to the hunt. She's determined to prove to Blake that she's capable of holding her own—both in the bedroom and on the battlefield. He's never walking away again... Former Marine Scout/Sniper Blake Ellis hid his true feelings for Jordyn for years out of respect for her and her family, but once he learns those feelings aren't one-sided, he can't keep his distance any longer. When a team tragedy thrusts Jordyn into the front line with him on a battlefield, Blake will do whatever it takes to protect her. She's everything he ever wanted in a woman but he was too stubborn to see it. Now it might be too late for them. As they race to capture the terrorist they're hunting, Blake and Jordyn find themselves fighting for their lives. If they want to make it out alive they must work together to defeat an unseen, powerful network that will stop at nothing until their entire team is dead.

Never Quit May 01 2021 "An Alaskan parasrescue jumper, Special Forces Operator and decorated war hero details his amazing life, "--NovelList.

Easton's Claim Apr 19 2020 She needs a fresh start somewhere else. Piper Greenlee is desperate to get out of Sugar Hollow. After her ex-husband's notorious scandal and their subsequent divorce, her life and reputation are in tatters. Not to mention the disturbing feelings she's started to have for a longtime friend recently. She's ready to leave all that behind, start over somewhere far away and reinvent herself. But the past isn't done with her yet. When it lands on her doorstep this time, the consequences could prove fatal. She has no choice but to turn to the one man in town she knows can protect her...the man she's not ready to face her true feelings for. He'll fight to convince her she's already home. DEA FAST agent Easton Colebrook has loved Piper for years and been forced to stay silent. It killed him to stand back and watch her marry the wrong man, but now that her divorce has been finalized and she's had time to heal, he's making his move. The problem is, she's determined to see him only as a friend, and worse—Wyatt's little brother. When he arrives home after another rotation in Afghanistan, Easton is ready to put his plan into action. Then he learns that Piper is planning to move halfway across the country, forcing him to act immediately. Before he can tell her how he feels, her ex drags her into a potentially lethal situation. Easton steps in, vowing to protect her at all costs. But in order to finally claim the woman who's owned his heart for as long as he can remember, he and Piper will have to outsmart a deadly enemy hell bent on exacting his revenge.

Unsanctioned Oct 14 2019 Star-crossed lovers... Driven by her traumatic past, Nadia Bishop has dedicated her life to helping children orphaned by war around the globe. She won't let anything stand in her way—not even the sexy former soldier she left back in the U.S. As one of the most experienced workers in her relief organization, she's their top choice to send to Kabul as the security situation in Afghanistan teeters on the verge of collapse. She's helping get children to safety when Callum shows up unexpectedly, igniting an intense longing that makes her question the life she thought she wanted. Then things suddenly spin out of control, and Nadia is forced to make an impossible choice. Now there's no turning back. Nowhere to run. And her only chance at survival is the man she's been trying not to fall in love with. ...are about to face the maelstrom of war together. Former Delta operator Callum Falconer had his fill of combat. Now a highly skilled and respected security contractor, he gets to call the shots and choose the jobs he takes. So when a contract comes up in Kabul, a place he hoped never to see again, he volunteers to lead the security detail for one reason: Nadia. She changed his whole world when they met, making him feel things he never thought possible. Yet the more he wants to hold onto her, the farther she slips out of reach. Then things turn deadly, and nothing else matters but her safety. With Nadia's life in imminent danger there's nothing he won't risk, and no rule he won't break to get her out alive. For fans of: small town romance, second chance romance, military hero, military romance, romantic suspense

Weapon of Choice Feb 10 2022 First published in 2003, this is the first unclassified official history authored by the U.S. Army Special Operations Command relating to Operation Enduring Freedom. Contains extensive maps and illustrations. Previously difficult to obtain, this extensive study shows what Army Special Operations Forces (ARSOF) accomplished to drive the Taliban from power and to destroy al-Qaeda and Taliban strongholds as part of the global war on terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Echoes at Dawn Nov 26 2020 Grace Peterson is desperate, in hiding, and on the run after escaping a shadowy group determined to exploit her extraordinary ability to heal others. Her only lifeline—an unerring telepathic ability she shares with her sister—has been severed, leaving her alone and vulnerable. And time is running out... Enlisted to bring Grace home is Rio, relentless member of the KGI. He's unprepared for his reaction to this wounded, damaged woman, and he's fiercely determined to protect her from those who nearly destroyed her. In Rio, she finds a safe haven, and for the first time...hope. But the mission is far from over. The danger Grace has eluded is fast closing in. And now it's pitching two lovers toward an unfamiliar horizon, with no place left to hide.

The Afghanistan Papers Apr 12 2022 A Washington Post Best Book of 2021 The #1 New York Times bestselling investigative story of how three successive presidents and their military commanders deceived the public year after year about America's longest war, foreshadowing the Taliban's recapture of Afghanistan, by Washington Post reporter and three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist Craig Whitlock. Unlike the wars in Vietnam and Iraq, the US invasion of Afghanistan in 2001 had near-unanimous public support. At first, the goals were straightforward and clear: defeat al-Qaeda and prevent a repeat of 9/11. Yet soon after the United States and its allies removed the Taliban from power, the mission veered off course and US officials lost sight of their original objectives. Distracted by the war in Iraq, the US military became mired in an unwinnable guerrilla conflict in a country it did not understand. But no president wanted to admit failure, especially in a war that began as a just cause. Instead, the Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations sent more and more troops to Afghanistan and repeatedly said they were making progress, even though they knew there was no realistic prospect for an outright victory. Just as the Pentagon Papers changed the public's understanding of Vietnam, *The Afghanistan Papers* contains "fast-paced and vivid" (The New York Times Book Review) revelation after revelation from people who played a direct role in the war from leaders in the White House and the Pentagon to soldiers and aid workers on the front lines. In unvarnished language, they admit that the US government's strategies were a mess, that the nation-building project was a colossal failure, and that drugs and corruption gained a stranglehold over their allies in the Afghan government. All told, the account is based on interviews with more than 1,000 people who knew that the US government was presenting a distorted, and sometimes entirely fabricated, version of the facts on the ground. Documents unearthed by The Washington Post reveal that President Bush didn't know the name of his Afghanistan war commander—and didn't want to meet with him. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld admitted that he had "no visibility into who the bad guys are." His successor, Robert Gates, said: "We didn't know jack shit about al-Qaeda." *The Afghanistan Papers* is a "searing indictment of the deceit, blunders, and hubris of senior military and civilian officials" (Tom Bowman, NRP Pentagon Correspondent) that will supercharge a long-overdue reckoning over what went wrong and forever change the way the conflict is remembered.

Hammerhead Six Jun 14 2022 Two years before the action in *Lone Survivor*, a team of Green Berets conducted a very different, successful mission in Afghanistan's notorious Pech Valley. Led by Captain Ronald Fry, Hammerhead Six applied the principles of unconventional warfare to "win hearts and minds" and fight against the terrorist insurgency. In 2003, the Special Forces soldiers entered an area later called "the most dangerous place in Afghanistan." Here, where the line between civilians and armed zealots was indistinct, they illustrated the Afghan proverb: "I destroy my enemy by making him my friend." Fry recounts how they were seen as welcome guests rather than invaders. Soon after their deployment ended, the Pech Valley reverted to turmoil. Their success was never replicated. Hammerhead Six finally reveals how cultural respect, hard work (and the occasional machine-gun burst) were more than a match for the Taliban and Al Qaeda.

Collateral Damage Dec 28 2020 Pride tore them apart... Warrant Officer Honor Girard made the worst mistake of her life in walking away from the man she promised to marry—and she knows it. An attack on base unexpectedly pushes them together and in the aftermath she realizes she can't let him go a second time. Only he's not willing to let her back in. After orders send her back stateside she realizes she's probably lost him forever. It will take either a miracle to bring them back together—or a life-altering tragedy. Only forgiveness can bring them back together. Major Liam Magrath lives his life on the edge, flying dangerous missions with the Army's elite Night Stalkers. Since losing Honor he's been totally focused on his career, his missions and the welfare of his crew. Then she's suddenly thrust back into his life and tells him the last thing he expects to hear: she wants another chance. Losing her once was hard enough—giving her another shot isn't an option. He's determined to keep his heart walled off from the only woman he's ever loved, until a catastrophic terrorist attack on American soil changes everything. Now that he's finally made up his mind to go after her, however, it may be too late. Liam is determined to fight for her at all costs—but first they'll have to fight for their lives in a disastrous attack that hits far too close to home.

Never Surrender: A MacKenzie Family Novella Jan 17 2020 New York Times bestselling author Kaylea Cross dives into Liliana Hart's MacKenzie family with NEVER SURRENDER... As the Bagram crew assembles at a guest ranch in Montana to celebrate the wedding of two of its own, everyone expects a fun week-long vacation enjoying some much-needed downtime together. But in the picturesque foothills bordering the ranch, a hidden danger lurks. When the guys stumble upon evidence of a domestic terrorist cell during the bachelor party, it puts everyone directly in the crosshairs of a lethal enemy determined to remain unseen, unleashing a wave of danger every bit as deadly as what they faced back overseas. Then a shocking revelation from the past comes to light, and it may be the key to winning the fight. Now they must come together as a team to eliminate the threat, before they wind up gathered for a funeral instead of a wedding.

First Casualty Jan 29 2021 An award-winning journalist reveals the dramatic true story of the CIA's Team Alpha, the first Americans to be dropped behind enemy lines in Afghanistan after 9/11. America is reeling; Al-Qaeda has struck and thousands are dead. The country scrambles to respond, but the Pentagon has no plan for Afghanistan—where Osama bin Laden masterminded the attack and is protected by the Taliban. Instead, the CIA steps forward to spearhead the war. Eight CIA officers are dropped into the mountains of northern Afghanistan on October 17, 2001. They are Team Alpha, an eclectic band of linguists, tribal experts, and elite warriors: the first Americans to operate inside Taliban territory. Their covert mission is to track down Al-Qaeda and stop the terrorists from infiltrating the United States again. First Casualty places you with Team Alpha as the CIA rides into battle on horseback alongside the warlord Abdul Rashid Dostum. In Washington, DC, few trust that the CIA men, the Green Berets, and the Americans' outnumbered Afghan allies can prevail before winter sets in. On the ground, Team Alpha is undeterred. The Taliban is routed but hatches a plot with Al-Qaeda to hit back. Hundreds of suicidal fighters, many hiding weapons, fake a surrender and are transported to Qala-i Jangi—the "Fort of War." Team Alpha's Mike Spann, an ex-Marine, and David Tyson, a polyglot former Central Asian studies academic, seize America's initial opportunity to extract intelligence from men trained by bin Laden—among them a young Muslim convert from California. The prisoners revolt and one CIA officer falls—the first casualty in America's longest war, which will last two decades. The other CIA man shoots dead the Al-Qaeda jihadists attacking his comrade. To survive, he must fight his way out against overwhelming odds. Award-winning author Toby Harnden gained unprecedented access to all living Team Alpha members and every level of the CIA. Superbly researched, First Casualty draws on extensive interviews, secret documents, and deep reporting inside Afghanistan. As gripping as any adventure novel, yet intimate and profoundly moving, it tells how America found a winning strategy only to abandon it. Harnden reveals that the lessons of early victory and the haunting foretelling it contained—unreliable allies, ethnic rivalries, suicide attacks, and errant US bombs—were ignored, tragically fueling a twenty-year conflict. "Masterful, complex, and heartfelt, from the deeply personal to the critically strategic. Captures many lessons on many levels." —Ambassador Hank Crumpton, former senior CIA officer

His Woman in Command & Operations: Forbidden May 13 2022 Two Jaguar Squadron stories in one volume—for the first time!—from New York Times bestselling author Lindsay McKenna His Woman in Command Captain Nike Alexander is in Afghanistan to use her pilot skills. She doesn't have time for men, especially military men. Playing hard to get with Captain Gavin Jackson comes as naturally to Nike as flying one of her Apaches. But Gavin's sexy-as-sin smile makes it hard to say no. Then she gets into a dangerous situation, and his special ops skills could save her. Operation: Forbidden Helicopter pilot Captain Emma Cantrell has a chance to clear her military record in war-torn Afghanistan. She won't let anyone get in her way—especially Afghan Captain Khalid Shaheen. Sure, he's total eye candy. But she's fallen prey to his kind of charm before—and she never makes the same mistake twice. Then she's kidnapped, and he could be the only one to rescue her.

Disavowed Feb 16 2020 The government trained her to kill... Briar Jones has lived most of her life in the shadows, carrying out secret ops to eliminate some of the United States' most dangerous enemies. She's devoted her life to serving her country so when a faceless enemy targets her and kills someone close to her, she'll stop at nothing to bring them down. With her life in danger and critical intel leaked during an off-the-books op, she has no choice but to go on the run with a disturbingly sexy man she barely knows. While in hiding they learn that the agency responsible for turning her into a lethal weapon is now out to destroy her. What they don't know is why, or who has set her up. As they unravel the mystery Briar must trust this near stranger in order to stay alive and expose whoever is behind the plot. She never expected to lose her heart in the process. Now it's coming after her... Matt DeLuca has survived devastating loss and risen to become commander of the FBI's elite Hostage Rescue Team. When a top-secret mission goes awry and he's tasked with protecting Briar, the last thing he anticipates is falling in love with the beautiful and deadly assassin. But now intelligence officers are dying and Briar's name is at the top of the hit list. With her life at stake they race to end the threat and clear her name, battling the shadowy killers sent to silence her forever.

Avenged Jun 02 2021 When the past and present collide... Taya Kostas is a survivor. She's clawed her way back from the hell she was subjected to at the hands of an undercover agent working for the U.S. government. Since then she's dedicated her life to preventing the same from happening to anyone else. Now her story has come full circle. She's about to take the stand as the key federal witness in the biggest terrorist case the country has seen in years. But even though the man responsible for her nightmares is behind bars, the evil she escaped is still hunting her. When fate places her safety in the hands of the man who saved her life once before, together they race to stay one step ahead of a lethal enemy. He'll risk it all to save her. For five years Special Agent Nathan Schroder has been battling his inner demons, but lately it seems like he's on the verge of losing that fight. Then Taya is suddenly thrust back into his life and in imminent danger, so he steps in to protect her. He's never forgotten her or the way she held up under fire, and this time he's not letting her walk away. The terrorists determined to prevent her from testifying will stop at nothing to silence her forever. She might be in official protective custody, but she's way more than a job to Nate. When the enemy finally strikes and her life hangs in the balance, he'll do anything to keep her safe.

His Woman in Command Aug 04 2021 Captain Nike Alexander is in Afghanistan for one reason only—to use her pilot skills. She doesn't have time for men, especially military men. Playing hard to get with Captain Gavin Jackson comes as naturally to Nike as flying one of her Apaches. But Gavin's sexy-as-sin smile is making it harder and harder to say no. Captain Gavin Jackson loves a challenge, but has never encountered one as stunning as Nike. Just as the ice between them thaws, Nike finds herself in a dangerous situation. Now Gavin will have to use his expertise as a special ops soldier to rescue the woman he can't live without...

Kill Bin Laden Aug 16 2022 The mission was to kill the most wanted man in the world—an operation of such magnitude that it couldn't be handled by just any military or intelligence force. The best America had to offer was needed. As such, the task was handed to roughly forty members of America's supersecret counterterrorist unit formerly known as 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta; more popularly, the elite and mysterious unit Delta Force. The American generals were flexible. A swatch of hair, a drop of blood, or simply a severed finger wrapped in plastic would be sufficient. Delta's orders were to go into harm's way and prove to the world bin Laden had been terminated. These Delta warriors had help: a dozen of the British Queen's elite commandos, another dozen or so Army Green Berets, and six intelligence operatives from the CIA who laid the groundwork by providing cash, guns, bullets, intelligence, and interrogation skills to this clandestine military force. Together, this team waged modern siege of epic proportions against bin Laden and his seemingly impenetrable cave sanctuary burrowed deep inside the Spin Ghar Mountain range in eastern Afghanistan. Over the years, since the battle ended, scores of news stories have surfaced offering tidbits of information about what actually happened in Tora Bora. Most of it is conjecture and speculation. This is the real story of the operation, the first eyewitness account of the Battle of Tora Bora, and the first book to detail just how close Delta Force came to capturing bin Laden, how close U.S. bombers and fighter aircraft came to killing him, and exactly why he slipped through our fingers. Lastly, this is an extremely rare inside look at the shadowy world of Delta Force and a detailed account of these warriors in battle.

Operation Dark Heart Nov 19 2022 A former operative with the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency recounts his experiences leading a black-ops team in Afghanistan, detailing the bureaucracy that thwarted the team's operations, and outlining a plan for winning.

Lethal Pursuit Jan 21 2023 New York Times bestselling author Kaylea Cross delivers edge-of-your-seat romantic suspense with the Bagram Special Ops series Security Forces Lieutenant Maya Lopez is right at home in a war zone: she's been fighting all her life. A hard-won commission in the air force has brought her to Afghanistan, and if she plays her cards right, she could end up with an FBI job. It won't be easy, but that just makes her more determined. Jackson Thatcher is a protector in all senses of the word. A parascue jumper with Southern-boy charm, he easily captures Maya's interest, but her trust is another story. He's sexy, strong and caring, but she makes it clear she's no damsel in distress. She's never relied on any man, and she's not about to start now. When Maya and Jackson become pawns in a radical warlord's deadly game, they find themselves on the run and must depend on each other if they want to make it out alive. Previously published

Danger Close Mar 11 2022 The most dangerous threats of all... Partway through her third deployment to Bagram, Army nurse Lt. Erin Kelly is burned out and headed for a well-deserved leave back home in Montana. But when a mysterious stranger shows up and unintentionally drags her into harm's way with him, she suddenly finds herself an unwitting target of the U.S.'s number one high value target: the notorious American-born terrorist known as Rahim. Now stuck in a CIA safe house with the sexy operative, it's impossible to ignore the explosive attraction between them...or to forget that death is stalking them both. Are the ones you don't see coming. CIA operative Wade

Sandberg is a man caught between worlds. He's spent the past three years living deep undercover amongst the enemy, infiltrating the network of the U.S.'s most wanted terrorist—until the kidnapping of a high-ranking American official forced him to blow his cover. Officially sidelined from the investigation to bring down Rahim, Wade knows he'll never be able to work in the region again. When he's sent back stateside with Erin, keeping his hands off her proves to be even harder than making the transition back into western civilization. And when Rahim takes his revenge by unleashing a devastating attack on U.S. soil, Wade will do everything in his power to protect the woman he loves and destroy the man who'd once trusted him with his life.

The Final Mission of Extortion 17 Jun 21 2020 On August 6, 2011, a U.S. Army CH-47D Chinook helicopter approached a landing zone in Afghanistan 40 miles southwest of Kabul. The helicopter, call sign Extortion 17, was on a mission to reinforce American and coalition special operations troops. It would never return. Insurgents fired at the Chinook, severed one of its rear rotor blades, and brought it crashing to the ground. All 38 onboard perished instantly in the single greatest moment of sacrifice for Americans in the war in Afghanistan. Those killed were some of the U.S.'s most highly trained and battle-honed commandos, including 15 men from the Gold Squadron of the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, known popularly as SEAL Team 6, which had raided a Pakistan compound and killed Osama bin Laden just three months earlier. The downing of Extortion 17 spurred a number of conspiracy theories, such as the idea that the shutdown was revenge for bin Laden's death. In *The Final Mission of Extortion 17*, Ed Darack debunks this theory and others and uncovers the truth behind this mysterious tragedy. His account of the brave pilots, crew, and passengers of Extortion 17 and the events of that fateful day is interwoven into a rich, complex narrative that also discusses modern joint combat operations, the history of the Afghan war to that date, U.S. helicopter use in Afghanistan, and the new and evolving military technologies and tactics being developed to mitigate such tragedies now and in the future. Amazon Best History Book of the Month - September 2017

Deadly Descent Dec 20 2022 Don't miss this fan-favorite, heart-pounding military romance from New York Times bestselling author Kaylea Cross. Devon Crawford is an officer; Air Force Pararescueman Cam Munro is enlisted. Dev flies medical evacuations; Cam jumps into danger zones to save lives. Dev wants to return home from Afghanistan with her heart untouched; Cam will do anything to win the woman he loves. Reaching for happiness in a war zone is the last thing Captain Devon Crawford plans, but she can't ignore the feelings she's hidden for so long. Cam's sexy charm and wicked kisses weaken her resistance, but she's too afraid of losing him to give in. When Dev's helicopter and crew are shot down and set up as bait by a notorious warlord, Cam risks all to save the team. What he doesn't know is that the trap is set for him... Previously published

Submerged Aug 24 2020 Keep your friends close. Harper Sorenson's husband died during a security contracting job in Syria more than a year ago. The official report said he was killed in an enemy ambush, but she doesn't buy it. And until she knows the truth, she can't move on. When someone tries to silence her, she knows she's on the right track. Unfortunately, now she has no choice but to rely on the man she blames for everything—her dead husband's best friend. And your enemies closer. Jared Blackmore was there the day Pete died. Gravely wounded himself in the ambush, he still can't remember everything that happened. His own search for answers results in resistance from every angle, and he begins to fear the worst—that they're dealing with a cover up. With Harper now in danger, he drops everything to protect her. He might have promised Pete that he would take care of her, but it's far more personal than that, and he's worried he won't be able to hide his attraction any longer. With the bodies piling up and danger closing in, they don't know who to trust. He must uncover the truth before it's too late—before they both wind up dead—and before she figures out exactly how much she means to him.

Fast Vengeance Nov 14 2019 She's learning to live with her demons. Victoria Gomez had a successful career as an investigative journalist, until a cartel boss she exposed destroyed her entire world in retaliation. She lost everything, including her family and her freedom. Since her brutal captivity she's been in witness protection, picking up the shattered pieces of her life and struggling to put the past behind her as she moves on. But there's one man she can't forget. The night of her rescue an elite DEA agent helped pull her out of hell. Now time is running short for them. They have no chance at a future, but she can't keep her distance any longer. Even if it means suffering more heartbreak when she's forced to leave him behind and walk away forever. He's about to face his own. As FAST Bravo's team leader, Brock Hamilton is used to being in charge and calling the shots. He was there the night Victoria was rescued. Since then they've forged a bond that has grown stronger every day—and neither of them can ignore the electric pull any longer. Yet just as they've found a fleeting happiness together, duty pulls them apart too soon. When a twist of fate lands him a prisoner of the same cartel responsible for all of Victoria's anguish, it will take all Brock's strength to survive. And if he does, it will mean living without the woman who owns his heart.

Not a Good Day to Die Jul 03 2021 An award-winning journalist provides an eyewitness account of the brutal March 2002 battle of untested U.S. troops against fanatical Al Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan's Shahikot valley, capturing the courage and resourcefulness of these young soldiers against overwhelming odds, including high-level strategic miscalculations.

The Changing Face of Empire Oct 18 2022 The Changing Face of Empire is a devastating anatomy of the U.S. military's new six-point program for twenty-first-century war.

Defending Air Bases in an Age of Insurgency Sep 24 2020 This anthology discusses the converging operational issues of air base defense and counterinsurgency. It explores the diverse challenges associated with defending air assets and joint personnel in a counterinsurgency environment. The authors are primarily Air Force officers from security forces, intelligence, and the office of special investigations, but works are included from a US Air Force pilot and a Canadian air force officer. The authors examine lessons from Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts as they relate to securing air bases and sustaining air operations in a high-threat counterinsurgency environment. The essays review the capabilities, doctrine, tactics, and training needed in base defense operations and recommend ways in which to build a strong, synchronized ground defense partnership with joint and combined forces. The authors offer recommendations on the development of combat leaders with the depth of knowledge, tactical and operational skill sets, and counterinsurgency mind set necessary to be effective in the modern asymmetric battlefield.

American Spartan Oct 26 2020 Lawrence of Arabia meets Sebastian Junger's War in this unique, incendiary, and dramatic true story of heroism and heartbreak in Afghanistan written by a Pulitzer Prize-nominated war correspondent. Army Special Forces Major Jim Gant changed the face of America's war effort in Afghanistan. A decorated Green Beret who spent years in Afghanistan and Iraq training indigenous fighters, Gant argued for embedding autonomous units with tribes across Afghanistan to earn the Afghans' trust and transform them into a reliable ally with whom we could defeat the Taliban and counter al-Qaeda networks. The military's top brass, including General David Petraeus, commander of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, approved, and Gant was tasked with implementing his controversial strategy. Veteran war correspondent Ann Scott Tyson first spoke with Gant when he was awarded the Silver Star in 2007. Tyson soon came to share Gant's vision, so she accompanied him to Afghanistan, risking her life to embed with the tribes and chronicle their experience. And then they fell in love. Illustrated with dozens of photographs, American Spartan is their remarkable story—one of the most riveting, emotional narratives of wartime ever published.

Roughneck Nine-One Feb 27 2021 Documents the controversial April 2003 battle between Green Beret forces and Iraqi soldiers near the village of Debecka, a battle that was marked by extensive news media coverage and the navy bombing of supporting Peshmerga fighters, in an account that offers insight into the recruiting process and organization of the U.S. Special Forces. Reprint.

Leave No Man Behind Jul 15 2022 A story of courage, perseverance, and patriotism behind the 75th Ranger Regiment's rescue mission following one of the deadliest Special Ops incidents in Afghanistan—a grueling search for twelve Navy SEAL casualties and eight downed Night Stalkers . . . but just one lone survivor On June 28th, 2005, a four-man Navy SEAL reconnaissance team under Operation Red Wings was ambushed in northeastern Afghanistan—as depicted in the book and film Lone Survivor. A quick reaction force was dispatched. Turbine 33, carrying eight Navy SEALs and eight members of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, was struck by a rocket propelled grenade—careening the dual rotor Chinook toward the rugged peak of Sawtalo Sar. The result was the single deadliest incident in Special Operations history at the time. Commanders called on the largest element of US Special Forces, the 75th Ranger Regiment. The rescue mission: Operation Red Wings II. Author Tony Brooks gives a first-hand account of the daring recovery of Turbine 33 and the subsequent search for the remaining compromised Navy SEAL recon team—one of whom was Marcus Luttrell, the lone survivor. The Rangers were up against lack of intel, treacherous terrain, violent weather, and an enemy that was raised to fight. Tony Brooks lived—and many of his fellow Rangers died—by the axiom, “Leave No Man Behind.” He is the first to tell the story other books and films have omitted, one of overcoming overwhelming odds to accomplish a mission: to bring every American soldier home.

Burned Mar 19 2020 A woman with a dark past... Forced into hiding after her NSA-sanctioned task force lands on a terrorist cell's hit list, cryptologist Zahra Gill must rely on the skill and experience of her ex-Special Ops Titanium Security teammates to keep her safe—including former Force Recon Marine Sean Dunphy. The impossibly sexy man has the unnerving ability to shatter her concentration by simply walking into the same room. Even though she's sworn to keep him at a distance, his charm and protectiveness weaken her resistance. Drawn to his strength and magnetic sensuality, she finally gives in to the passion she's denied herself for so long...even though she knows she might lose her heart in the process. The man strong enough to win her trust... Sean's had his eye on the guarded, proud analyst from the first day they met. He knows she's hiding something from him, but nothing could have prepared him for the shocking truth of her past. When a targeted attack brutally exposes Zahra's dark secrets, Sean will do everything in his power to protect the woman he's fallen for. Unfortunately the cell hunting them has powerful connections and their enemy is closer than they ever imagined.

Predicting the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan Sep 05 2021

Never Quit Sep 17 2022 “That Others May Live” is a mantra that defines the fearless men of Alaska's 212th Pararescue Unit, the PJs, one of the most elite military forces on the planet. Whether they are rescuing citizens injured and freezing in the Alaskan wilderness or saving wounded Rangers and SEALs in blazing wildfires at war, the PJs are the least known and most highly trained of America's warriors. Never Quit is the true story of how Jimmy Settle, an Alaskan shoe store clerk, became a Special Forces Operator and war hero. After being shot in the head during a dangerous high mountain operation in the rugged Wapatur Valley in Afghanistan, Jimmy returns to battle with his teammates for a heroic rescue, the bullet fragments stitched over and still in his skull. In a cross between a suicide rescue mission and an against-all-odds mountain battle, his team of PJs risk their lives again in an epic firefight. When his helicopter is hit and begins leaking fuel, Jimmy finds himself in the worst possible position as a rescue specialist—forced to leave members from his own team behind. Jimmy will have to risk everything to get back into the battle and bring back his brothers. From death-defying Alaskan wilderness training, wild rescues, and vicious battles against the Taliban and Al Qaeda, this is an explosive special operations memoir unlike any that has come before, and the true story of a man from humble beginnings who became an American hero.

Tactical Strike Feb 22 2023 Return to the Bagram Special Ops series with New York Times bestselling author Kaylea Cross Gunship pilot Captain Candace Bradford has worked long and hard to earn her rank and position within the male-dominated world of Air Force Special Operations. She's not about to let anything or anyone jeopardize that, let alone one sinfully tempting man who seems determined to cause her nothing but trouble. Even if she's starting to fall for him. As an elite Combat Controller, Staff Sergeant Ryan Wentworth is used to overcoming adversity in order to complete a mission. Breaking through Candace's prickly exterior and into her heart is a challenge he can't let go. But just when he's begun to gain her trust, they're thrown together in the field facing an overwhelming enemy force. Candace and Ryan find themselves on the run, searching the skies for an emergency extraction. But one dangerous enemy has an agenda in mind and he'll use whatever means necessary to achieve it, including using American forces to do his dirty work. Previously published

Betrayed Mar 31 2021 Before BENGHAZI, There was EXTORTION 17.... August 06, 2011, 2:20 a.m.-Operation Lefty Grove is underway, a highly dangerous mission to take out another high-level Taliban operative, three months after the death of Osama Bin Laden. In the dark of night, twenty-five US Special Ops Forces and a five-man flight crew on board Extortion 17, a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. Seven unidentified Afghan Commandos are allowed to join them. Ground forces have already been engaged in a three-hour exhaustive battle. Extortion 17's specially trained warriors drop into the Hot Landing Zone to help their fellow warriors. But there's a problem: the standard chopper escorts have all been directed elsewhere. Mission directions are unclear. Worse, pre-assault fire to cover the Chinook transporting our brave fighting men is not ordered. On that fateful night, Extortion 17 would never touch down. Taliban fighters fired three rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) in rapid succession. The first RPG shot below the Chinook, but the second made contact in what the military would later describe as a "one-in-a-million shot." The shot struck a rotor blade on the aft (rear) pylon, shearing off ten and a half feet of the blade. The third shot flew above the falling chopper. Within a matter of seconds, the chopper begins to spin violently out of control and then drops vertically into a dry creek bed and is engulfed in a large fireball. There are no survivors. The thirty brave Americans lost that night were more than just warriors. They were husbands, fathers, brothers, and sons. Billy Vaughn's son, Aaron Carson Vaughn, was one of them. Over the next few months as unsettling information on the tragic incident is released to the families, Billy Vaughn becomes increasingly disturbed. Billy discovers that US military forces are not being led to win battles, but have been sent on a fool's errand to "win the hearts and minds" of other nations. He is told that the US Rules of Engagement have prevented our brave defenders from defending themselves. Adding insult to injury, Billy learned that a Muslim Imam was invited by our own US military leaders to "pray" over his son's dead body. As US war heroes lay in their caskets before their last flight home, the Imam damned America's fallen warriors as "infidels" who would burn in hell. As US military leaders observed the ceremony at Bagram Air Base, the Imam boasted over the deaths of US heroes with words such as, "The companions of heaven [Muslims] are the winners." Betrayed is a heart rending account in America's history, an engaging story of faith, patriotism, honor, duty and loss. Betrayed is not just the biography of an American military family, it is a crucial, true-life narrative that every American must read and understand about their government and the danger America's military strategy currently poses to all families. Betrayed is a book Billy Vaughn wishes he didn't have to write. But his son is gone and there are still unanswered questions. He needs to know if finding the truth may prevent another father from standing in his shoes.

Relentless Strike May 21 2020 The New York Times Bestseller and Winner of the 2015 Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award for Unit History Since the attacks of September 11, one organization has been at the forefront of America's military response. Its efforts turned the tide against al-Qaeda in Iraq, killed Bin Laden and Zarqawi, rescued Captain Phillips and captured Saddam Hussein. Its commander can direct cruise missile strikes from nuclear submarines and conduct special operations raids anywhere in the world. Relentless Strike tells the inside story of Joint Special Operations Command, the secret military organization that during the past decade has revolutionized counterterrorism, seamlessly fusing intelligence and operational skills to conduct missions that hit the headlines, and those that have remained in the shadows- until now. Because JSOC includes the military's most storied special operations units-Delta Force, SEAL Team 6, the 75th Ranger Regiment-as well as America's most secret aviation and intelligence units, this is their story, too. Relentless Strike reveals tension-drenched meetings in war rooms from the Pentagon to Iraq and special operations battles from the cabin of an MH-60 Black Hawk to the driver's seat of Delta Force's Pinzgauer vehicles as they approach their targets. Through exclusive interviews, reporter Sean Naylor uses his unique access to reveal how an organization designed in the 1980s for a very limited mission set transformed itself after 9/11 to become the military's premier weapon in the war against terrorism and how it continues to evolve today.

Not a Good Day to Die Dec 08 2021 Award-winning combat journalist Sean Naylor reveals a firsthand account of the largest battle fought by American military forces in Afghanistan in an attempt to destroy al-Qaeda and Taliban forces. At dawn on March 2, 2002, America's first major battle of the 21st century began. Over 200 soldiers of the 101st Airborne and 10th Mountain Division flew into Afghanistan's Shah-i-Kot Valley—and into the mouth of a buzz saw. They were about to pay a bloody price for strategic, high-level miscalculations that underestimated the enemy's strength and willingness to fight. Naylor, an eyewitness to the battle, details the failures of military intelligence and planning, while vividly portraying the astonishing heroism of these young, untested US soldiers. Denied the extra support with which they trained, these troops nevertheless proved their worth in brutal combat and prevented an American military disaster.

Lone Survivor Oct 06 2021 The inspiration for a major motion picture by Mark Wahlberg: A Navy SEAL's firsthand account of American heroism during a secret military operation in Afghanistan. On a clear night in late June 2005, four U.S. Navy SEALs left their base in northern Afghanistan for the mountainous Pakistani border. Their mission was to capture or kill a notorious al Qaeda leader known to be ensconced in a Taliban stronghold surrounded by a small but heavily armed force. Less than twenty-four hours later, only one of those Navy SEALs remained alive. This is the story of fire team leader Marcus Luttrell, the sole survivor of Operation Redwing, and the desperate battle in the mountains that led, ultimately, to the largest loss of life in Navy SEAL history. But it is also, more than anything, the story of his teammates, who fought ferociously beside him until he was the last one left-blinded unconscious by a rocket grenade, blown over a cliff, but still armed and still breathing. Over the next four days, badly injured and presumed dead, Luttrell fought off six al Qaeda assassins who were sent to finish him, then crawled for seven miles through the mountains before he was taken in by a Pashtun tribe, who risked everything to protect him from the encircling Taliban killers. A six-foot-five-inch Texan, Leading Petty Officer Luttrell takes us, blow by blow, through the brutal training of America's warrior elite and the relentless rites of passage required by the Navy SEALs. He transports us to a monstrous battle fought in the desolate peaks of Afghanistan, where the beleaguered American team plummeted headlong a thousand feet down a mountain as they fought back through flying shale and rocks. In this rich, moving chronicle of courage, honor, and patriotism, Marcus Luttrell delivers one of the most powerful narratives ever written about modern warfare -- and a tribute to his teammates, who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

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