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A dramatic account of a lesser-known aspect of the 1979 Iran hostage crisis recalls how six of the intended American

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hostages escaped from Iranian militants and were rescued by the co-author and his unlikely team of CIA agents and Hollywood insiders during a high-risk mission in Tehran conducted in the guise of a movie scouting

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expedition.

The British Army's SAS--the Special Air Service--is recognized as one of the world's premier special operations units. During the Gulf War, deep behind Iraqi lines, an SAS team was

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compromised. A fierce firefight ensued, and the eight men were forced to run for their lives. Only one, Chris Ryan, escaped capture--by walking nearly 180 miles through the desert for a week. The One That Got Away is his

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breathhtaking story of extraordinary courage under fire, of narrow escapes, of highly trained soldiers struggling against the most adverse of conditions, and, above all, of one man's courageous refusal to lie

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down and die.

Using firsthand accounts, SAS Rescue Missions reveals how a handful of SAS men achieved what seemed impossible: saving friendly powers, reversing military coups, defeating powerful rebels,

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winning over aggrieved populations. It also examines the Regiment's success in rescuing hostages, especially from militias and terrorists; their work as bodyguards; and the training soldiers go through, from exercises in the

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"Killing House" to mastering sophisticated communications equipment.

Fifty years after its inception, the Special Air Service (SAS) is famous the world over.

When its soldiers do battle, news spreads like wildfire.

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SAS actions are normally swift and very hard-hitting, like the spectacular hostage rescue at the London Iranian Embassy and their work in the Middle East. Now The Complete History of the SAS details the incredible missions and

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stealth operations of one of Britain's most secret organizations. Few would believe that the SAS contains only 200 men, rigorously selected, highly trained and with a spirit to dare. They will go, willingly, deep behind

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enemy lines, take on incredible odds, and risk their lives to rescue others. They fought side by side with US forces in both wars in the Gulf. This is the full, inside story of the most famous special forces regiment in the

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world, with hundreds of photographs, many previously unpublished.

The movie Argo was fake before it was real. This is the story of the original Argo and of the six Americans who escaped the capture of the

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American Embassy in Iran in 1979. Lijek, one of the six, explains why they were in Iran, what went wrong and how they managed to escape the embassy compound. As chaos increasingly gripped Iran and its government fell,

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the Americans survived tension-filled days before reaching sanctuary with the Canadians. Then came an emotional roller-coaster ride, long days of boredom punctuated by nerve-wracking episodes, against the

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background of concern for their hostage colleagues and fear Washington had forgotten them. Finally the excitement of Argo, the arrival of CIA operative Tony Mendez and his daring scheme to exfiltrate the "houseguests,"

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as they were called in secret communications between Tehran, Ottawa and Washington. Lijek explains how the six reacted to the CIA's "best bad idea" and what it was like to exit the airport with false papers, hoping the

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plan would work as advertised. He presents an overview of the years that followed, during which they repeatedly lied to hide the CIA's participation. He ends with the controversy that erupted when the CIA

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announced its role and continues to this day, as what had been the "Canadian Caper" became something else, at least in the eyes of many.

"Some of the most spectacular military successes in recent

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times have been won by ... special forces. The raising of the Iranian Embassy siege in London and the rescue of hostages at Entebbe and Mogadishu demonstrated some of their capabilities. But there have been equally

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spectacular failures, such as the abortive US rescue mission to Iran ... Who trains these special forces? Who controls them -- and how effective are they? The work and training of these forces for both peace and war are

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kept hidden from public scrutiny. Drawing on previously unpublished material, [the author] reveals the triumphs and disasters of these secret armies including a mission by Britain's SAS to put down a coup in the

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Gambia in 1981 and the debacle of the US invasion of Grenada in 1982"--Jacket. In The Siege of Mecca, acclaimed journalist Yaroslav Trofimov pulls back the curtain on a thrilling, pivotal, and overlooked episode of

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modern history, examining its repercussions on the Middle East and the world. On November 20, 1979, worldwide attention was focused on Tehran, where the Iranian hostage crisis was entering its third week. That

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same morning, gunmen stunned the world by seizing the Grand Mosque in Mecca, creating a siege that trapped 100,000 people and lasted two weeks, inflaming Muslim rage against the United States and causing hundreds of deaths.

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But in the days before CNN and Al Jazeera, the press barely took notice. Trofimov interviews for the first time scores of direct participants in the siege, and draws upon hundreds of newly declassified documents. With

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the pacing, detail, and suspense of a real-life thriller, The Siege of Mecca reveals the long-lasting aftereffects of the uprising and its influence on the world today. Inspiration for the major motion picture 6 Days,

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starring Jamie Bell as Rusty Firmin Go! Go! Go! tells the action-packed story of the 1980 Iranian Embassy siege. It is a comprehensive and gripping account of an unforgettable six-day drama that shook Britain - and the

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wider world - to the core. Drawing on original and unseen source material from ex-SAS soldier Rusty Firmin, the police and the British Government, Go! Go! Go! takes us to the heart of the whole operation. The assault

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planning and training, strategy and tactics are described in detail, and the personal stories of the gunmen revealed - who they were, where they came from, why they did it and Saddam Hussein's direct involvement.

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Compelling accounts of each day of the siege from the hostages' points of view show how they dealt with captivity individually and collectively. And new material explains the negotiators' tactics and their cool exterior versus their

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internal turmoil as negotiations reached crisis point.

[*The Complete History of the SAS*](#)

[*Clandestine Cold War*](#)

[*Operations of the US Army's Elite, 1956-1990*](#)

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[*The One that Got Away*](#)

[*The Siege of Mecca*](#)

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[*The SAS. The Iranian Embassy Siege. The True Story*](#)

[*Operation Eagle Claw 1980*](#)

[*The Complete SAS Handbook*](#)

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Secret Armies
Physical and Mental Secrets
of Elite Military Units
Taken Hostage
Complete Guide to the 1980
Iranian Hostage Crisis and
Rescue Mission, Operation
Eagle Claw, Desert One,

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[Holloway Report, Studies, Plans, CIA Role in Argo Cover Story, Secret Documents \(Part Two\)](#)

John Limbert steps up with a pragmatic yet positive assessment of how to engage

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Iran. Through four detailed case studies of past successes and failures, he draws lessons for today's negotiators and outlines 14 principles to guide the American who finds himself in a negotiation--commercial,

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political, or other--with an Iranian counterpart.

The previously untold story of a Cold War spy unit, "one of the best examples of applied unconventional warfare in special operations history"

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(Small Wars Journal). It is a little-known fact that during the Cold War, two US Army Special Forces detachments were stationed far behind the Iron Curtain in West Berlin. The existence and missions of the

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two detachments were highly classified secrets. The massive armies of the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies posed a huge threat to the nations of Western Europe. US military planners decided they needed a

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plan to slow the expected juggernaut, if and when a war began. This plan was Special Forces Berlin. Their mission—should hostilities commence—was to wreak havoc behind enemy lines and

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buy time for vastly outnumbered NATO forces to conduct a breakout from the city. In reality, it was an ambitious and extremely dangerous mission, even suicidal. Highly trained and

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fluent in German, each of these one hundred soldiers and their successors was allocated a specific area. They were skilled in clandestine operations, sabotage, and intelligence tradecraft, and were able to act,

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if necessary, as independent operators, blending into the local population and working unseen in a city awash with spies looking for information on their every move. Special Forces Berlin left a legacy of a new

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type of soldier, expert in unconventional warfare, that was sought after for other deployments, including the attempted rescue of American hostages from Tehran in 1979. With the US government

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officially acknowledging their existence in 2014, their incredible story can now be told—by one of their own. Operation Eagle Claw was tactically feasible, operationally vacant, and strategically risky.

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This paper examines the failed hostage rescue mission conducted by the U.S. in Iran during April of 1980. The following text will recreate the rescue mission in its historical context while identifying factors

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across the three levels of war which contributed to its outcome. The three levels of war referred to in this discussion are the tactical, operational and strategic levels. This study concludes that (1) The fall of the

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Shah unearthed a gap in U.S. military influence in the Middle East which could not rapidly be overcome; (2) the hostage rescue mission, although tied directly to the strategic objective of returning the 53

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American hostages, provided little influence in terms of salvaging U.S. honor and interests in the Middle East. In reality, it is probable that mission failure protracted eventual diplomatic resolution

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of the crisis; (3) the hostage rescue mission, a limited objective and high risk raid, should only have been executed in the event that hostages lives were directly threatened; and (4) since 1961, sixty-six

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separate hostage, kidnapping, or hijacking incidents have occurred involving U.S. diplomats, servicemen, and private citizens. The frequency of these actions equate to 1.6 per year over the past 41 years.

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This data demonstrates the relevancy of the subject and the frequency of its occurrence.

Recreates the harrowing, real-life adventure of the successful prison break engineered by Col. Bull Simons, a World War II and

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Vietnam commando, who rescued two Texans imprisoned in a Teheran jail on behalf of Ross Perot. Reprint.

SAS Rescue is the in-depth story of one of the world's best-trained squads in their most

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dramatic roles, including hostage rescue during the Iranian Embassy siege, the rescue of allies in Malaya and Oman; the rescue of SAS comrades, the freeing of the Gambian President's family,

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captured by rebels while he was attending the marriage of Charles and Diana, the training and equipment of this elite force and an examination of what happens when rescues go wrong.

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In this encyclopedic book, Lewis provides insights into the origins, training, tactics, weapons and achievements of special forces and special mission units throughout the world, focusing particularly on

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US and UK forces. He also looks at the codes that that bind the members of these elite units together. He reveals training secrets in everything from wilderness survival to hand-to-hand combat. In doing so, he

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draws extensively on biographies, autobiographies, training manuals, interviews and press coverage of key operations. The elite forces covered include: The British Army's Special Air Service

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(SAS), established in 1950, which has served as a model for the special forces of many countries. Its counter-terrorist wing famously took part in the hostage rescue during the siege of the Iranian Embassy in

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London in 1980. The Parachute Regiment, the airborne infantry element of 16 Air Assault Brigade, which spearheads the British Army's rapid intervention capability. It is closely linked to United Kingdom Special Forces.

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The US Navy's SEALs (Sea, Air, Land Teams), trained to conduct special operations in any environment, but uniquely specialised and equipped to operate from and in the sea. Together with speedboat-

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operating Naval Special Warfare Combatant-Craft Crewmen, they form the operational arm of the Naval Special Warfare community, the Navy component of the US Special Operations Command. Their

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special operations include: neutralizing enemy forces; reconnaissance; counter-terrorism (famously in the killing of Osama bin Laden); and training allies. The US Army's Delta Force: The Special Mission

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Unit, 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta (1st SFOD-D), known simply as Delta Force, the Army component of Joint Special Operations Command. Its role is counter-terrorism, direct action

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and national intervention operations, though it has the capability to conduct many different kinds of clandestine missions, including hostage rescues and raids. The US Army Rangers, a light infantry combat

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formation under the US Army Special Operation Command. The Green Berets - motto: 'to free the oppressed' - trained in languages, culture, diplomacy, psychological warfare and disinformation. Russia's

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Spetsnaz, whose crack anti-terrorist commandos ended the Moscow theatre siege, and who have a reputation for being among the world's toughest and most ruthless soldiers. Spetsnaz units saw extensive action in

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Afghanistan and Chechnya, often operating far behind enemy lines. Israeli Special Forces, especially Shayetet 13 (Flotilla 13), whose motto, in common with the rest of the Israeli military, is 'Never again',

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a reference to the Holocaust. They are particularly adept at the specifically Israeli martial art Krav Maga, which they dub 'Jew-jitsu'.

The true story of a retired British army officer's private

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*Somali-hostage rescue mission
During the peak of the Somali piracy crisis, three ships – from Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan – were hijacked and then abandoned to their fate by their employers, who lacked the*

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money to pay ransoms. All would still be there, were it not for Colonel John Steed, a retired British military attaché, who launched his own private mission to free them. At 65, Colonel Steed was hardly an

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ideal saviour. With no experience in hostage negotiations and no money behind him, he had to raise the ransom cash from scratch, running the operation from his spare room and ferrying million-

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dollar ransom payments around in the boot of his car. Drawing on first-hand interviews, former chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph, Colin Freeman, who has himself spent time held hostage by Somali

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pirates, takes readers on an inside track into the world of hostage negotiation and one man's heroic rescue mission. Forged to fight guerrillas in the sweltering jungles of Malaya. Tasked with storming mountain

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strongholds in the desert. Trained to hunt down the world's most wanted terrorists. This is the extraordinary story of 22 SAS. The history of the modern SAS is one of the great successes of post-war Britain.

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Since it was revived in 1950 to combat Communist insurgents, the Regiment has gone from strength to strength, fighting covert wars in Oman, Borneo, Northern Ireland, the Falklands, the Persian Gulf and beyond. In

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the process, it has become one of the most indispensable, and at times controversial, units in the British army Today, the SAS is regarded as the world's leading Special Forces unit, renowned for its demanding

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Selection course and its relentless ability to adapt to the changing nature of warfare. More than anything else, however, it is the determination and ingenuity of the SAS soldiers that has made the

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Regiment what it is today. Drawing on his extensive network of contacts and his own experiences, Chris Ryan tells the story of the men on the ground. From the earliest patrols in the Malayan jungle,

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through to the storming of the Iranian Embassy, the daring raids behind enemy lines in the Gulf War, and up-to-minute missions to capture or kill notorious terrorists - this is the gripping, no-holds-barred

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account of Regiment operations. Above all, it is a story of elite soldiers fighting, and triumphing, against seemingly impossible odds.

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Drawing on extensive research, Operation Nimrod dispels the myths and reveals the truth of those six long days, and the

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dramatic rescue that thrust the SAS into the public eye. On 29th April 1980, British police assured Iran that their embassy was secure. The very next day, terrorists stormed the embassy and took twenty-six hostages. With the Iranian government willing to let the hostages become martyrs, and the British

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government only willing to talk if the terrorists surrendered, twenty-six lives hung in the balance. What followed was six days of tension and terror. It was finally ended when the SAS launched a daring rescue mission, broadcast live on television. Millions held their breath, waiting to see the outcome of Operation

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Nimrod. Buy this book to learn the truth about one of the most dramatic rescue missions ever undertaken by the SAS. The true, declassified account of CIA operative Tony Mendez's daring rescue of American hostages from Iran that inspired the critically-acclaimed film directed by and starring Ben Affleck, and

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co-starring John Goodman, Alan Arkin, and Bryan Cranston. On November 4, 1979, Iranian militants stormed the American embassy in Tehran and captured dozens of American hostages, sparking a 444-day ordeal and a quake in global politics still reverberating today. But there is a little-known drama

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connected to the crisis: six Americans escaped. And a top-level CIA officer named Antonio Mendez devised an ingenious yet incredibly risky plan to rescue them before they were detected. Disguising himself as a Hollywood producer, and supported by a cast of expert forgers, deep cover CIA operatives,

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foreign agents, and Hollywood special effects artists, Mendez traveled to Tehran under the guise of scouting locations for a fake science fiction film called Argo. While pretending to find the perfect film backdrops, Mendez and a colleague succeeded in contacting the escapees, and smuggling them out of Iran. Antonio

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Mendez finally details the extraordinarily complex and dangerous operation he led more than three decades ago. A riveting story of secret identities and international intrigue, Argo is the gripping account of the history-making collusion between Hollywood and high-stakes espionage. On November 4, 1979, Iranian militants

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stormed the United States Embassy in Tehran and took sixty-six Americans captive. Thus began the Iran Hostage Crisis, an affair that captivated the American public for 444 days and marked America's first confrontation with the forces of radical Islam. Using hundreds of recently declassified

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government documents, historian David Farber takes the first in-depth look at the hostage crisis, examining its lessons for America's contemporary War on Terrorism. Unlike other histories of the subject, Farber's vivid and fast-paced narrative looks beyond the day-to-day circumstances of the crisis, using the

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events leading up to the ordeal as a means for understanding it. The book paints a portrait of the 1970s in the United States as an era of failed expectations in a nation plagued by uncertainty and anxiety. It reveals an American government ill prepared for the fall of the Shah of Iran and unable to reckon

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with the Ayatollah Khomeini and his militant Islamic followers. Farber's account is filled with fresh insights regarding the central players in the crisis: Khomeini emerges as an astute strategist, single-mindedly dedicated to creating an Islamic state. The Americans' student-captors appear as less-than-organized

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youths, having prepared for only a symbolic sit-in with just a three-day supply of food. ABC news chief Roone Arledge, newly installed and eager for ratings, is cited as a critical catalyst in elevating the hostages to cause célèbre status. Throughout the book there emerge eerie parallels to the current terrorism

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crisis. Then as now, Farber demonstrates, politicians failed to grasp the depth of anger that Islamic fundamentalists harbored toward the United States, and Americans dismissed threats from terrorist groups as the crusades of ineffectual madmen. Taken Hostage is a timely and revealing history of America's

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first engagement with terrorism and Islamic fundamentalism, one that provides a chilling reminder that the past is only prologue.

Ever since its formation during World War II, the Special Air Service had operated under conditions of such secrecy that few members of the public even knew

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of its existence. By the evening of 5 May 1980, all this had changed drastically. On the morning of 30 April, the Iranian Embassy at No.16 Price's Gate in London was seized by six well-armed terrorists, members of the Revolutionary Movement for the Liberation of Arabistan. Nineteen Iranian nationals and four British

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citizens were captured. During the subsequent negotiations between the terrorists and the British police, a number of the hostages were released. When, on the fifth day of the siege, one of the hostages was shot dead and his body pushed out through the door of the Embassy, the police decided that the time

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for negotiation was over and asked the military to end the siege. The only men deemed to possess enough skill and daring for this dangerous task were those of the legendary Special Air Service the SAS! In fact, convinced that they would eventually be called in to rescue the hostages, the SAS had already mapped out and

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practised a high-risk operation in their top-secret 'Killing House' in Hereford and in some army barracks two miles from the Embassy. On the evening of 5 May their well-rehearsed plans were put into action when twelve SAS soldiers dressed in black in wearing anti-gas respirators and NBC hoods made their

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courageous assault on the Embassy. Using a combination of abseiling ropes, stun grenades, sub-machine guns and 9mm high-power handguns and in the full glare of the international media they routed the terrorists and succeeded in rescuing the hostages. Within hours the SAS once relatively unknown had become

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the most celebrated regiment in the history of modern warfare.

Eighteen years in the SAS saw Pete Winner, codenamed Soldier 'I', survive the savage battle of Mirbat, parachute into the icy depths of the South Atlantic during the Falklands War, and storm the Iranian Embassy during the most famous

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hostage crisis in the modern world. Presents the story of the role of the Canadian ambassador to Iran, Kenneth Taylor, who protected six American embassy employees during the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979 and coordinated their successful escape from Iran. The New York Times–bestselling author

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of Black Hawk Down delivers a “suspenseful and inspiring” account of the Iranian hostage crisis of 1979 (The Wall Street Journal). On November 4, 1979, a group of radical Islamist students, inspired by the revolutionary Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, stormed the U.S. embassy in Tehran. They

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took fifty-two Americans captive, and kept nearly all of them hostage for 444 days. In Guests of the Ayatollah, Mark Bowden tells this sweeping story through the eyes of the hostages, the soldiers in a new special forces unit sent to free them, their radical, naïve captors, and the diplomats working to end the crisis.

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Bowden takes us inside the hostages' cells and inside the Oval Office for meetings with President Carter and his exhausted team. We travel to international capitals where shadowy figures held clandestine negotiations, and to the deserts of Iran, where a courageous, desperate attempt to rescue the hostages exploded into tragic

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failure. Bowden dedicated five years to this research, including numerous trips to Iran and countless interviews with those involved on both sides. Guests of the Ayatollah is a detailed, brilliantly recreated, and suspenseful account of a crisis that gripped and ultimately changed the world. “The passions of the moment

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still reverberate . . . you can feel them on every page.” —Time “A complex story full of cruelty, heroism, foolishness and tragic misunderstandings.” —Pittsburgh Post-Gazette “Essential reading . . . A.” —Entertainment Weekly

Specializing in covert reconnaissance, counter-terrorism and hostage rescue, the

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

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insider's view at the selection and training methods employed by this usually secretive unit.

[*Who Dares Wins*](#)

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Surviving Hostage Rescue Missions
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When the lives of hostages are on the line, the soldiers of elite hostage-rescue units must act quickly and with skill. In a chaotic situation,

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soldiers must rely on their training, and each other, to save lives in danger. Take a look at how elite hostage-rescue units operate. Find out about the equipment that elite soldiers use and the training they must undergo. Learn about the

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different skills elite soldiers use, including:

- fast-entry tactics through doors and windows using explosives.
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techniques to calm a situation. • clues that tell when a terrorist is lying.

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this unique and comprehensive book provides encyclopedic coverage of the Iranian hostage crisis during the Carter administration and the 1980 failed military rescue mission with declassified Department of Defense documents, intelligence reports,

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histories and reports. These reports provide important new information on this controversy. There is extensive coverage of military activities, including the planning and execution of the hostage rescue mission called Operation Eagle

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Claw, which resulted in the Desert One tragedy on April 25, 1980.

There is also new information on planning for Operation Snowbird later in 1980. Volume One Contents:

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November 4, 1979, more than 3,000 Iranian militant students stormed the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran. 66 Americans were seized and held hostage, precipitating a confrontation with the United States.

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The result of this crisis would change the course of a presidency, and affect the relations between the two nations. In military history one can stand out as a splendid example or a disastrous reminder. On April 24, 1980, highly-trained members of

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the four armed services made a valiant attempt to rescue the 44 diplomats and servicemembers held hostage in the Islamic republic of Iran. What the vast majority of Americans did not know was that planning for an armed rescue

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attempt began almost immediately after the embassy was overrun. The code name for the overall operation was Rice Bowl, while the operational portion was known as Eagle Claw. The operation was complex and faced several limiting

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factors, among which were the relative isolation of Tehran and the available courses of action which involved an increased risk of equipment failure. One critical piece of the operation was a refueling and overnight stay at a mid-desert site

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named Desert One. When the operation finally launched on the night of April 24, 1980, equipment failures and unpredictable dust storms caused the on-scene commanders to abort the mission. As the rescue force prepared to

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evacuate Desert One, an H-53 helicopter collided with a C-130. Since its birth at Kabrti in 1941, the Special Air Service has consistently captured the imagination of the military and public alike by the daring and unconventional nature of

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its operations. The nature of the tasks and the methods peculiar to the SAS have made it difficult to standardise items of equipment. Apart from issues common to the British Army as a whole, SAS personnel have need of, and access

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to, various specialised 'pieces of kit': often SAS innovations created to meet specific needs. James Shortt investigates the organisation, tactics, equipment and remarkable history of Britain's elite fighting force.

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But can the SAS assault team rescue the hostages from the terrorist-held Iranian embassy?

For 5 days in May 1980, the world watched as the SAS performed a daring raid on the Iranian Embassy in London. Hailed by Margaret

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Thatcher as “a brilliant operation” the raid was a huge success for the SAS, rescuing 19 hostages with near-perfect military execution, although 2 hostages were killed by terrorists. Despite the media attention, details of the siege are still largely

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