

# Read Free Baghdad Express A Gulf War Memoir Pdf For Free

**Black Elephants** Jan 26 2021 An aspiring writer and reporter, Karol Nielsen went trekking through the Peruvian Andes at the height of the Shining Path terror, looking for adventure and a good story. She found Aviv, an Israeli traveler fresh out of his mandatory military service. Coa war-weary veteran of the first intifada. Codreaming about peace. "Black Elephants" follows this idealistic pair as they explore the Americas, until Aviv, inexorably drawn to his homeland, asks Karol to come with him to Israel. There, the couple. CoOs lovingly laid plans. Cofofor Aviv to attend university, and for Karol to work on a kibbutz, study Hebrew, and get to know his family. Coare suddenly tested by the eruption of the first Gulf War. Nielsen. CoOs memoir paints a poignant and harrowing picture of love during wartime. Against a backdrop of bursting bombs and air-raid sirens, gas masks and sealed rooms, relationships are frayed, and romance becomes a distant memory. This story, so candidly and clearly told, powerfully illustrates the terror, loneliness, and absurdity of war and its invisible casualties."

**Dark Desert Hot River** May 10 2022 Dark Desert Hot River is a study of the historical background of the Gulf War, starting with T. E. Lawrence and the development of British interests in the Middle East, leading to the emergence of the Baath Party in Iraq and the rise of Saddam Hussein. The long essay on Lawrence is marbled with unexpected connections. vignettes of E. M. Forster, Marcel Proust, Henry James, Joseph Conrad and Roger Casement, all in some way connected with Lawrence. The war journal details the six months leading up to the war and includes a picture of modern Arabia, underground gay life in the Middle East, with reports on the military situation up to the time of the authors evacuation. Waiting out the war, the author travels to Egypt and to India. areas affected by the conflict but in many ways oblivious of it. The visits to the great monuments of Luxor, Khajuraho, Puri, travels to Bombay and Goa, are punctuated by erotic incidents with fellahin, felluca boys, adolescent draymen, young Dravidian sailors, Shiva boys and beach freaks.

**Tanker Pilot** Apr 16 2020 "A military memoir with ... stories and moral lessons for people on the battlefield, in boardrooms, or in their everyday lives, by a veteran air-refueling expert, with a foreword by Rush Limbaugh"--Provided by publisher.

**My War** Feb 24 2021 An underemployed, skateboarding party animal, Colby Buzzell traded a dead-end future for the army—and ended up as a machine gunner in Iraq. To make sense of the absurd and frightening events surrounding him, he started writing a blog about the war—and how it differed from the government's official version. But as his blog's popularity grew, Buzzell became the embedded reporter the Army couldn't control—despite its often hilarious efforts to do so. The result is an extraordinary narrative, rich with unforgettable scenes: the Iraqi woman crying uncontrollably during a raid on her home; the soldier too afraid to fight; the troops chain-smoking in a guard tower and counting tracer rounds; the first, fierce firefight against the "men in black." Drawing comparisons to everything from Charles Bukowski to Catch-22, My War depicts a generation caught in a complicated and dangerous world—and marks the debut of a raw, remarkable new voice.

**Road to Baghdad** Dec 25 2020 In 1990, U.S. Army Major Martin Stanton was a military advisor stationed in Saudi Arabia--an off-duty officer who was in the wrong place at the right time. This fascinating Gulf War memoir offers readers a rare glimpse of a seldom seen country and its notorious leader.

**Always Faithful** Dec 17 2022

**The Phones Stopped Ringing** Dec 05 2021 This is a memoir of The Gulf War 1990-1991. This book is a daily record of the events leading up to Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Desert Farewell based on LTC Alan B. Curson's daily comments, letters and historical events. It includes a generous collection of photos of people and places during each phase of the Operation.

**Hornets Over Kuwait** Oct 11 2019 While most books about the Gulf War have been written by military leaders, politicians, or journalists, this lively memoir comes from a Marine F/A-18 pilot who flew 37 sorties against the Iraqis during Desert Storm. Jay Stout describes his own aerial actions and those of his comrades and also writes about the mundane issues of being at war. His no-holds-barred look at modern air warfare is eminently readable, decidedly personal, and highly informative. 20 photos.

**Known and Unknown** Nov 11 2019 Visit [www.rumsfeld.com](http://www.rumsfeld.com) for more. Discover Known and Unknown Deluxe offering an unprecedented reading experience for a memoir by a major public figure. For web-connected readers, it features more than 500 links to never-before-available original documents from Donald Rumsfeld's extensive personal archive. It includes State Department cables, correspondence, and memoranda on topics such as Vietnam, Watergate, the days following 9/11, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and much more. Available in ePub and Adobe Reader. Like Donald Rumsfeld, Known and Unknown pulls no punches. With the same directness that defined his career in public service, Rumsfeld's memoir is filled with previously undisclosed details and insights about the Bush administration, 9/11, and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. It also features Rumsfeld's unique and often surprising observations on eight decades of history: his experiences growing up during the Depression and World War II, his time as a Naval aviator; his service in Congress starting at age 30; his cabinet level positions in the Nixon and Ford White Houses; his assignments in the Reagan administration; and his years as a successful business executive in the private sector. Rumsfeld addresses the challenges and controversies of his illustrious career, from the unseating of the entrenched House Republican leader in 1965, to helping the Ford administration steer the country away from Watergate and Vietnam, to bruising battles over transforming the military for the 21st century, to the war in Iraq, to confronting abuse at Abu Ghraib and allegations of torture at Guantanamo Bay. Along the way, he offers his plainspoken, first-hand views and often humorous and surprising anecdotes about some of the world's best known figures, from Margaret Thatcher to Saddam Hussein, from Henry Kissinger to Colin Powell, from Elvis Presley to Dick Cheney, and each American president from Dwight D. Eisenhower to George W. Bush. Rumsfeld relies not only on his memory but also on previously unreleased and recently declassified documents. Thousands of pages of documents not yet seen by the public will be made available on an accompanying website. Known and Unknown delivers both a fascinating narrative for today's readers and an unprecedented resource for tomorrow's historians. Proceeds from the sales of Known and Unknown will go to the veterans charities supported by the Rumsfeld Foundation.

**War of Necessity, War of Choice** Apr 09 2022 When should the United States go to war? It is arguably the most important foreign policy question facing any president, and Richard Haass -- a member of the National Security Council staff for the first President Bush and the director of policy planning in the State Department for Bush II -- is in a unique position to address it. Haass is one of just a handful of individuals -- along with Colin Powell, Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, and Bob Gates -- involved at a senior level of U.S. government decision making during both Iraq conflicts. He is the first to take us behind closed doors and the first to provide a personal account. The result is a book that is authoritative, revealing, and surprising. Haass explains not only what happened but why. At first blush, the two Iraq wars appear similar. Both involved a President George Bush and the United States in conflicts with Saddam Hussein and Iraq. There, however, the resemblance ends. Haass contrasts the decisions that shaped the conduct of the two wars and makes a crucial distinction between the 1991 and 2003 conflicts. The first Iraq war, following Saddam Hussein's invasion of neighboring Kuwait, was a war of necessity. It was limited in ambition, well executed, and carried out with unprecedented international support. By contrast, the second Iraq war was one of choice, the most significant discretionary war undertaken by the United States since Vietnam. Haass argues that it was unwarranted, as the United States had other viable policy options. Making matters worse was the fact that this ambitious undertaking was poorly implemented and fought with considerably more international opposition than backing. These are the principal conclusions of this compelling, honest, and challenging book by one of this country's most respected voices on foreign policy. Haass's assessments are critical yet fair -- and carry tremendous weight. He offers a thoughtful examination of the means and ends of U.S. foreign policy: how it should be made, what it should seek to accomplish, and how it should be pursued. War of Necessity, War of Choice -- part history, part memoir -- provides invaluable insight into some of the most important recent events in the world. It also provides a much-needed compass for how the United States can apply the lessons learned from the two Iraq wars so that it is better positioned to put into practice what worked and to avoid repeating what so clearly did not.

**Memoir of War: Impact of War on One Soldier's Psyche** Oct 15 2022 On January 16, 1991, President George H. W. Bush announced the start of what would be called Operation Desert Storm--a military operation to expel occupying Iraqi forces from Kuwait, which Iraq had invaded and annexed months earlier. For weeks, a U.S.-led coalition of two dozen nations had positioned more than 900,000 troops in the region, most stationed on the Saudi-Iraq border. This book is about that a 21 year old Aeroscout deployed as part of an Army Apache Battalion out of Germany. He arrived dreaming of the honor and glory that could be achieved in service and combat. He wanted to make his family proud and leave a legacy that they could brag about. And yet, victory would not be for him. As the war progressed, things happened. Through the mist of destruction, death, and regular bouts of extreme boredom, stupid things happened. Embarrassing things. Things that were far from the honor and glory he eagerly desired. Combat was supposed to be his time to prove himself to his brothers, with valor, but what was supposed to be an opportunity, began to tear him down instead. While he outwardly participated in a military operation called "Operation Desert Storm", it was his own inner Personal "Desert Storm" that reigned. And everything culminated in a violent helicopter crash during his final days in theater. But yet, there was light at the end; a blend of humility and frustration. In the midst of that war, something changed and it just so happened that Desert Storm would be the beginning of a 17-year odyssey to Christ. Marcus maintained a journal during the war and he shares it, word for word. He wrote down everything he saw, how he felt, and his experiences of the violence of combat.

**Knife Fights** Jul 12 2022 An influential Army officer traces the Gulf War experiences that shaped his perspectives on the changing nature of conventional combat and his then-discounted views about terrorism, citing his role in coauthoring the military's new counterinsurgency field manual. 30,000 first printing.

**It Doesn't Take a Hero** Jul 20 2020 He set his star by a simple motto: duty, honor, country. Only rarely does history grant a single individual the ability, personal charisma, moral force, and intelligence to command the respect, admiration, and affection of an entire nation. But such a man is General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the Allied Forces in the Gulf War. Now, in this refreshingly candid and typically outspoken autobiography, General Schwarzkopf reviews his remarkable life and career: the events, the adventures, and the emotions that molded the character and shaped the beliefs of this uniquely distinguished American leader.

**Arms and the Self** Nov 04 2021 With its wide range of primary texts to demonstrate the many conflicts, author-participants, and interpretive perspectives, Arms and the Self provides an eclectic, suggestive perspective on this complex and varied field. With contributing authors such as Lynn Z. Bloom, Margaretta Jolly, Robert Lawson-Peebles, and Robert Shenk, the critical essays extend from Xenophon's memoir of his two years marching with the mercenaries of the Persian Prince Cyrus, through Canadian accounts of the Boer War and American civilian women's narratives of confinement in WWII Japanese internment camps, to Vietnam veterans' online testimonials and post-Persian Gulf War memoirs written as management primers."--Pub. desc.

**Desert Fire** Oct 23 2020 Forming part of the Royal Artillery's historical series, Desert Fire is the Battery Commander of O Battery (The Rockett Troop), 2nd Field Regiment RA's gripping description of the Gulf War. His first-hand account brings to life the power and destructive force of modern massed artillery and is a fitting tribute to all members of the Royal Regiment who played such a vital role in the desert campaign. Shows detailed plans and maps of events first time around in the Gulf.

**The Girl Who Fell to Earth** Nov 23 2020 Award-winning filmmaker and writer Sophia Al-Maria's The Girl Who Fell to Earth is a funny and wry coming-of-age memoir about growing up in between American and Gulf Arab cultures. Part family saga and part personal quest, The Girl Who Fell to Earth traces Al-Maria's journey to make a place for herself in two different worlds. When Sophia Al-Maria's mother sends her away from rainy Washington State to stay with her husband's desert-dwelling Bedouin family in Qatar, she intends it to be a sort of teenage cultural boot camp. What her mother doesn't know is that there are some things about growing up that are universal. In Qatar, Sophia is faced with a new world she'd only imagined as a child. She sets out to find her freedom, even in the most unlikely of places. The Girl Who Fell to Earth takes readers from the green valleys of the Pacific Northwest to the dunes of the Arabian Gulf and on to the sprawling chaos of Cairo. Struggling to adapt to her nomadic lifestyle, Sophia is haunted by the feeling that she is perpetually in exile: hovering somewhere between two families, two cultures, and two worlds. She must make a place for herself—a complex journey that includes finding young love in the Arabian Gulf, rebellion in Cairo, and, finally, self-discovery in the mountains of Sinai. The Girl Who Fell to Earth heralds the arrival of an electric new talent and takes us on the most personal of quests: the voyage home.

**Fly Safe** Apr 28 2021 It is August 1990, and Iraq has just invaded Kuwait, setting off a chain reaction of events leading up to the first Gulf War. Vicki Cody's husband, the commander of an elite Apache helicopter battalion, is deployed to Saudi Arabia—and for the next nine months they have to rely on written letters in order to stay connected. From Vicki's narrative and journal entries, the reader gets a very realistic glimpse of what it is like for the spouses and families back home during a war, in particular what it was like at a time when most people did not own a personal computer and there was no Internet—no iPhones, no texting, no tweeting, no Facetime. Her writing also illuminates the roller coaster of stress, loneliness, sleepless nights, humor, joys, and, eventually, resilience, that make up her life while her husband is away. Meanwhile, Dick's letters to her give the reader a front row seat to the unfolding of history, the adrenaline rush of flying helicopters in combat, his commitment to his country, and his devotion to his family back home. Together, these three components weave a clear, insightful, and intimate story of love and its power to sustain us.

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**Meeting the New Iraq** Jun 18 2020 This book is about the new Iraq, the Iraq that many say has finally after many years become a democracy, which has brought freedoms and rights, chaos and confusion. The author relates lending her skills to help Iraq progress toward a better future. She also gives an account of her feelings and experiences upon returning to her native city Baghdad, with each new encounter provoking old memories and building new foundations, and her view of the current Iraq from the perspective of someone who has lived in the United States for three decades. Finally she offers her thoughts on where Americans and Iraqis are headed together, with their lives intermingled as never before because of the recent war.

**Long Strange Journey** Oct 03 2021 January 2011 marks the 20th anniversary of the start of Operation Desert Storm, as well as two decades of continuous American military involvement in the Persian Gulf region. A number of questions about that first Gulf War and its consequences have never been answered. Why was President George H.W. Bush so surprised that Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait? Did America's intelligence community fail to warn him of the threat, or did he ignore their predictions of an invasion? Why did the CIA and the Pentagon deny so vehemently for so long that sick Desert Storm veterans were exposed to Iraq's chemical agents? Patrick G. Eddington tackles these and other questions in *Long Strange Journey: An Intelligence Memoir*, which details his career as a military analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency from 1988 to 1996. *Long Strange Journey* is a first-person account of the high-tech, space-based side of the intelligence business. Although President Carter first revealed the existence of our imagery spy satellites nearly 30 years ago, no analyst who has used those systems has written a book on the topic and got it past CIA censors until now. Eddington's tenure at the CIA spanned the transition from the Cold War to the new era of American interventionism in the Persian Gulf and the Balkans. The book draws upon not only his direct experience reporting on these events for senior government policy makers, but also upon thousands of pages of previously classified documents secured through litigation he pursued during the last decade.

*My River Home* Mar 16 2020 During the course of the war in Iraq, many veterans have become increasingly disillusioned, and increasingly vocal. Many began seeing the war as damaging for the country, and especially for the men and women fighting overseas. In *My River Home*, Marcus Eriksen, a veteran of the Gulf War, charts his personal shift from proud Marine to self-destructive veteran to engaged activist protesting the injustices of the Iraq War with Veterans for Peace. Eriksen made sense of this transition only after a fascinating adventure traveling through the heart of America, down the entire length of the great Mississippi River on a homemade raft.

**She Went to War** May 18 2020 Rhonda Cornum was a soldier, a surgeon, a helicopter pilot, a wife, a mother - and a prisoner of war during the Gulf War. Not only does this book explore Major Cornum's fears during her capture, but it gives us a unique insight into Middle Eastern culture. Major Cornum is a woman of immense courage, competence and conviction, and her performance helps convince us that women can, indeed, be warriors.

**The Gulf Between Us** Sep 21 2020 The compelling true story of Col. Cliff Acree and Cynthia Acree, two high school sweethearts whose lives were torn apart by the Gulf War.

**Jarhead** Jan 18 2023 A harrowing yet inspiring portrait of a tormented consciousness struggling for reconciliation and peace, *JARHEAD* is authentic, revelatory and brilliantly crafted. Anthony Swofford's grandfather fought in WWII; his father fought in Vietnam; and he - a directionless, testosterone-battered teenager - became a scout/sniper in the marines and fought in the Gulf War. His account of that time is also part of a lineage - after Wilfred Owen, Norman Mailer, Michael Herr and Tim O'Brien, it brings the raw and searing tradition of soldiers' stories up to date.

*Every Man a Tiger* Jun 30 2021 The #1 New York Times bestseller updated with additional information on the current Iraq War - now in trade paperback. General Chuck Horner commanded the U.S. and allied air assets - the forces of a dozen nations - during Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and was responsible for the design and execution of one of the most devastating air campaigns in history. Never before has the Gulf air war planning, a process filled with controversy and stormy personalities, been revealed in such rich, provocative detail. In this edition of *Every Man a Tiger*, General Horner looks at the current Gulf conflict and comments on the use of air power in Iraq.

**Baghdad Express** Feb 19 2023 A young man's coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of the First Gulf War.

*A Shoe in the Sand* Aug 01 2021 Follow her journey of self-discovery through her time in the US Army as an Intelligence Officer during the Gulf War. It will challenge you to look at things in a new way, through laughter and tears. What you find will resonate deep inside.

**Jarhead** Sep 14 2022 Anthony Swofford's *Jarhead* is the first Gulf War memoir by a frontline infantry marine, and it is a searing, unforgettable narrative. When the marines -- or "jarheads," as they call themselves -- were sent in 1990 to Saudi Arabia to fight the Iraqis, Swofford was there, with a hundred-pound pack on his shoulders and a sniper's rifle in his hands. It was one misery upon another. He lived in sand for six months, his girlfriend back home betrayed him for a scrawny hotel clerk, he was punished by boredom and fear, he considered suicide, he pulled a gun on one of his fellow marines, and he was shot at by both Iraqis and Americans. At the end of the war, Swofford hiked for miles through a landscape of incinerated Iraqi soldiers and later was nearly killed in a booby-trapped Iraqi bunker. Swofford weaves this experience of war with vivid accounts of boot camp (which included physical abuse by his drill instructor), reflections on the myths of the marines, and remembrances of battles with lovers and family. As engagement with the Iraqis draws closer, he is forced to consider what it is to be an American, a soldier, a son of a soldier, and a man. Unlike the real-time print and television coverage of the Gulf War, which was highly scripted by the Pentagon, Swofford's account subverts the conventional wisdom that U.S. military interventions are now merely surgical insertions of superior forces that result in few American casualties. *Jarhead* insists we remember the Americans who are in fact wounded or killed, the fields of smoking enemy corpses left behind, and the continuing difficulty that American soldiers have reentering civilian life. A harrowing yet inspiring portrait of a tormented consciousness struggling for inner peace, *Jarhead* will elbow for room on that short shelf of American war classics that includes Philip Caputo's *A Rumor of War* and Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried*, and be admired not only for the raw beauty of its prose but also for the depth of its pained heart.

**A Memoir From The Dessert Storm** Mar 08 2022 This is not the story of generals who armchair quarterback a campaign, this is the story of real men and real leaders who took men to combat, lived the horror, the glory, and the friendship that only comes from combat. In this Gulf War book, you will discover: - TUSKERS - FOREWORD - PROLOGUE - THE DEPLOYMENT - THE DEFENSE - THE PLAN - THE PREPARATION - THE MOVEMENT TO CONTACT - THE ATTACK - And so much more! If you want to know the personal sacrifice and inner workings of the combat leader, this is the book you want!

*Storm Command: A Personal Account of the Gulf War (Text Only)* Mar 28 2021 'My primary aim in writing this book is to demonstrate the importance of individual human beings in modern warfare. In the battle to drive the Iraqi army out of Kuwait, Coalition forces used every form of high-technology weapon available; yet in the end success depended on the performance of individuals, whether they were pilots, divers, tank drivers, mechanics, engineers, cooks, radio operators, infantrymen, nurses or officers of all ranks. It was these ordinary people who, at the end of the day, were going to put their lives on the line and risk their neck when their Government decided to go to war.' Gen. Sir Peter de la Billiere Note that it has not been possible to include the same picture content that appeared in the original print version.

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*Hogs in the Sand: A Gulf War A-10 Pilot's Combat Journal* Dec 13 2019 "I am awed by my destructive power. With a small squeeze of the gun trigger under my right index finger, I can rip the turret off a thirty-ton battle tank and throw it 200 feet across the desert, while the rest of the tank burns in an explosion of white-hot, burning phosphorescence. But the cold, morbid reality of it does not exist from where I sit and watch it happen. There's no dramatic chord. No deafening explosion. No screams suddenly stifled. The soundtrack of a pilot's war is mostly silent." The mighty, iconic A-10 Warthog was first thrust into battle in Operation Desert Storm. The men who took it through walls of flak and surface-to-air missiles to help defeat the world's fourth-largest army were as untested as their airplanes, so they relied on personal determination and the amazing A-10 to accomplish their missions, despite the odds. *Hogs in the Sand* is the gripping journey of one of those pilots as he fights an increasingly terrifying war, all the while attempting to win over a woman and keep control of his internal demons. For anyone who has admired the Warthog, seen it in action, or called upon it to be their salvation, this story will fulfill a desire to virtually strap into the cockpit, while gaining unprecedented understanding of the mind of a modern combat pilot.

*Crossing the Line* Feb 07 2022 This is more than the author's memoir of his participation in Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Desert Calm, as a member of the 42nd Field Artillery Brigade in 1990-91. Bill Cain provides background leading up to the war, preparations for the invasion and the aftermath. In addition, throughout are the personal letters between Bill and his wife, Renée, who gives birth to their second child, a son, while he is at war. Included are sections written by other members of his unit, that provide additional background their unit and the war. Chapters: D-Minus: The Road to "The Storm" The Clouds Gather Farewell to V Corps Welcome to Saudi Arabia The Air War (18-25 February) The Deception Plan (26 January-15 February) The Breach (16-24 February) The "End Around" and Exploitation (25-26 February) Destruction of the Republican Guard (27-28 February) Defense of Northern Kuwait (1-9 March) The Waiting Game Coming Home Reunited at Last Gulf War Syndrome ... Saddam's Revenge? The World Has Changed. 57 photos (mostly from private sources), 2 maps (specially commissioned for this book). A Merriam Press Gulf War Memoir.

*Hotels, Hospitals, and Jails* Jun 11 2022 The publication of *Jarhead* launched a new career for Anthony Swofford, earning him accolades for its gritty and unexpected portraits of the soldiers who fought in the Gulf War. It spawned a Hollywood movie. It made Swofford famous and wealthy. It also nearly killed him. Now with the same unremitting intensity he brought to his first memoir, Swofford describes his search for identity, meaning, and a reconciliation with his dying father in the years after he returned from serving as a sniper in the Marines. Adjusting to life after war, he watched his older brother succumb to cancer and his first marriage disintegrate, leading him to pursue a lifestyle in Manhattan that brought him to the brink of collapse. Consumed by drugs, drinking, expensive cars, and women, Swofford lost almost everything and everyone that mattered to him. When a son is in trouble he hopes to turn to his greatest source of wisdom and support: his father. But Swofford and his father didn't exactly have that kind of relationship. The key, he realized, was to confront the man-a philandering, once hard-drinking, now terminally ill Vietnam vet he had struggled hard to understand and even harder to love. The two stubborn, strong-willed war vets embarked on a series of RV trips that quickly became a kind of reckoning in which Swofford took his father to task for a lifetime of infidelities and abuse. For many years Swofford had considered combat the decisive test of a man's greatness. With the understanding that came from these trips and the fateful encounter that took him to a like-minded woman named Christa, Swofford began to understand that becoming a father himself might be the ultimate measure of his life. Elegantly weaving his family's past with his own present-nights of excess and sexual conquest, visits with injured war veterans, and a near-fatal car crash-Swofford casts a courageous, insistent eye on both his father and himself in order to make sense of what his military service meant, and to decide, after nearly ending it, what his life can and should become as a man, a veteran, and a father.

*The First Evidence* Sep 02 2021 Few countries in contemporary times have had more political intrigue, violence and terror than the Iraq of Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath party. The atrocities of the Iraqi government, which were highlighted only after the Gulf War and are now receiving much attention, actually began in the 1970s. There are few accounts of what individuals endured, what everyday life was like, and the impact that Saddam Hussein's repressive regime has had on the lives of Iraqi citizens. The author of this remarkable memoir recounts growing up in Baghdad in the 70s during the early days of Saddam Hussein's reign. She describes in detail her family's fear and the cruel punishment they suffered when her father, a successful professional from a renowned, high-profile family, discovered the direct involvement of Iraqi authorities in the notorious Abu Tobar serial killings that rocked Baghdad.

*Viper Pilot* Feb 13 2020 THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING MEMOIR OF 21ST-CENTURY AIR COMBAT, BY "ONE OF THE MOST DECORATED PILOTS IN AIR FORCE HISTORY" (NEW YORK POST) 151 combat missions 21 hard kills on surface -to -air missile sites 4 Distinguished Flying Crosses with Valor 1 Purple Heart First into a war zone, flying behind enemy lines to purposely draw fire, the wild weasels are elite fighter squadrons with the most dangerous job in the Air Force One of the greatest aviation memoirs ever written, *Viper Pilot* is an Air Force legend's thrilling eyewitness account of modern air warfare. For twenty years, Lieutenant Colonel Dan Hampton was a leading member of the Wild Weasels, logging 608 combat hours in the world's most iconic fighter jet: the F-16 "Fighting Falcon," or "Viper." He spearheaded the 2003 invasion of Iraq, leading the first flight of fighters over the border en route to strike Baghdad. Earlier, on 9/11, Hampton's father was inside the Pentagon when it was attacked; with his dad's fate unknown, Hampton was scrambled into American skies and given the unprecedented orders to shoot down any unidentified aircraft. *Viper Pilot* is an unforgettable look into the closed world of fighter pilots and modern air combat.

**Secrets** Jan 14 2020 The true story of the leaking of the Pentagon Papers, the event which inspired Steven Spielberg's feature film *The Post* In 1971 former Cold War hard-liner Daniel Ellsberg made history by releasing the Pentagon Papers - a 7,000-page top-secret study of U.S. decision-making in Vietnam - to the New York Times and Washington Post. The document set in motion a chain of events that ended not only the Nixon presidency but the Vietnam War. In this remarkable memoir, Ellsberg describes in dramatic detail the two years he spent in Vietnam as a U.S. State Department observer, and how he came to risk his career and freedom to expose the deceptions and delusions that shaped three decades of American foreign policy. The story of one man's exploration of conscience, *Secrets* is also a portrait of America at a perilous crossroad. "[Ellsberg's] well-told memoir sticks in the mind and will be a powerful testament for future students of a

war that the United States should never have fought." -The Washington Post "Ellsberg's deft critique of secrecy in government is an invaluable contribution to understanding one of our nation's darkest hours." -Theodore Roszak, San Francisco Chronicle

*Memoirs of the Second Gulf War* Nov 16 2022 This short memoir describes how, over the course of three years, the author was involved as a civilian consultant to US Army Intelligence analyzing intelligence reports and working on plans for a post war Iraq and later on other tasks in Iraq itself. He had a Top Secret classification and access to all intelligence gathered by the US on Iraq. He was later sent to Iraq to perform various tasks. Here are his experiences and analyses of the situation in Iraq and in the Middle East as I experienced them.

**Falcon's Cry** Aug 13 2022 U.S. Air Force Major Michael Donnelly was diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig's Disease, after his tour of duty in Desert Storm. When the Pentagon denied any connection between his illness and his service in the Gulf War, Donnelly testified before the House of Representatives in 1998, leading to recommendations for studies into the group of symptoms displayed by Gulf veterans which have become known as "Persian Gulf syndrome."

*Vipers in the Storm: Diary of a Gulf War Fighter Pilot* Jan 06 2022 During Operation Desert Storm, Captain Keith Rosenkranz piloted his F-16 "Viper" in 30 combat missions. Here he recounts these experiences in searing, "you-are-there" detail, giving readers one of the most riveting depictions ever written of man and machine at war.

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