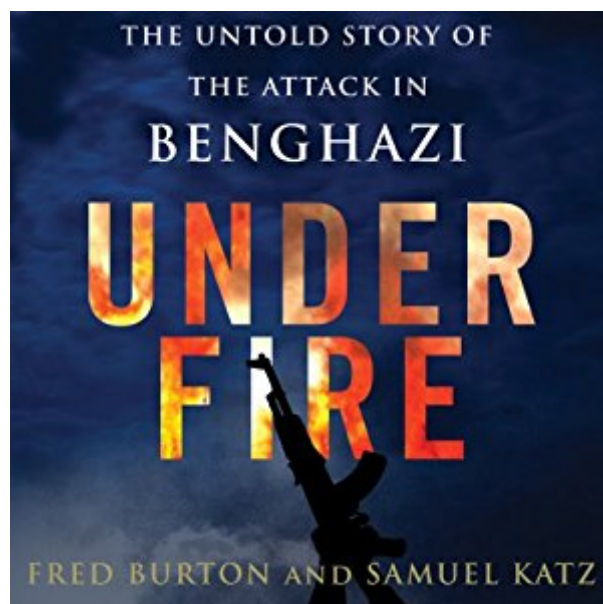


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Under Fire: The Untold Story Of The Attack In Benghazi



Synopsis

The explosive inside account of the attack against the U.S. diplomatic and intelligence outposts in Benghazi, Libya. On the night of September 11, 2012, the American diplomatic mission at Benghazi, Libya, came under ferocious attack by a heavily armed group of Islamic terrorists. The prolonged firefight, and the attack hours later on a nearby CIA outpost, resulted in the deaths of four Americans, including the American ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens, the Information Officer, Sean Smith, and two former Navy SEALs, Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty, working for the Central Intelligence Agency. After the fall of Qaddafi, Benghazi was transformed into a hotbed of fundamentalist fervor and a den of spies for the northern half of the African continent. Moreover, it became the center of gravity for terrorist groups strategically situated in the violent whirlwinds of the Arab Spring. On the eleventh anniversary of the 9/11 attacks against the United States, a group of heavily armed Islamic terrorists had their sights set on the U.S. diplomatic and intelligence presence in the city. Based on the exclusive cooperation of eyewitnesses and confidential sources within the intelligence, diplomatic, and military communities, Fred Burton and Samuel M. Katz reveal for the first time the terrifying twelve-hour ordeal confronted by Ambassador Christopher Stevens, Sean Smith, his Diplomatic Security (DS) contingent, and the CIA security specialists who raced to rescue them. More than just the minute-by-minute narrative of a desperate last stand in the midst of an anarchic rebellion, *Under Fire* is an inspiring testament to the bravery and selflessness of the men and women who put their country first while serving in one of the most dangerous regions in the world.

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Customer Reviews

I bought the book with high hopes of gaining further insight into the events in Benghazi and the responses to those events. Although much of the information on Benghazi and access to those who were there has been denied, in many cases, to Congress, the authors apparently had the keys to the castle and after action reports. The authors tiptoe through the story, spending huge amounts of time on very small details but stay well clear of many of the issues from the sites in Benghazi to the White House and State Dept. It's clear that much of the story is untold. Again this last week we had a former Hillary confidant and apparent heir to the State Dept. referring to the memo that the CIA authored. Of course a friendly Diane Sawyer did not remind her that she had edited the CIA report as she was selling the "it's all about the movie" story to the Sunday talk shows while Hillary and Obama stayed out of sight. Like the fabrication regarding the movie, there's the line that "we could not get assistance to them in time so we did nothing". Someone needs to ask how they knew when it would end. The book applauds the efforts underway in Benghazi without noting a very inconvenient truth about the American assisted Arab Spring..... democracy is not on the fundamentalist's agenda. We may not have liked the former leader, but he was neutered and one of the least troubling leaders in the region. More needs to be known about Stevens' trip to Benghazi. Prudence would dictate his absence on 9-11. It would be nice if more of those who were involved were allowed to go public with non-classified portions of the story.

I was given this book as a gift; I'm glad I didn't spend a dime on it. This book does a great job of detailing the minutia of life in Benghazi. In fact, it's 100 pages into the book before any description of the attack actually starts. The first 100 pages could have been condensed to 20 and provided the same information. As to the detail of the attack itself, the book does a good job of portraying the heroism of the DS agents and SEALs on the ground. But it makes next to zero mention of all the questions you probably want answered. The book is basically a campaign poster for Hillary Clinton. I felt like the book's intent was to try and make the situation sound bad so you believe you've received the whole story and won't ask more questions while simultaneously intentionally not telling you how bad it really was. Sort of like, "If we make them believe it was a 7 on the awful scale, maybe they'll believe it wasn't a 10." The epilogue is such a left-wing tail-kissing session it almost made me nauseous. I don't doubt the authors' credentials. They seem very competent in their information and authority to write on this subject matter. I do, however, question their motive. This book was NOT written by a hard-core investigative journalist out to uncover the truth of mysteries. Perhaps those mysteries are all classified and no one could have gotten it. I don't know. But I do

know that this book certainly didn't answer all the questions you probably have. But what it does do is give a detailed account of what happened on the ground in Benghazi that tragic and terror-filled night. It does paint a picture of the heroism of those men and for that I'll give it a second star.

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