American Spartan

Daniel R. Green offers a unique and much needed perspective on war veterans and the transitions they go through upon returning home, using his own experience following five military and civilian tours of Afghanistan and Iraq.

American SpartanThe Promise, the Mission, and the Betrayal of Special Forces Major Jim GantWilliam Morrow Paperbacks

The Navy of the Nuclear Age, 1947-2007, the fifth volume in the monumental U.S. Navy Warship series, presents an all-inclusive compendium of the ships that served in the U.S. Navy from the Cold War up through the present day. Featuring radical new developments in warships such as nuclear-powered submarines and carriers equipped with ballistic missiles, the post-World War II period was one of unprecedented technological growth for the U.S. Navy. The Navy of the Nuclear Age contains specifications and illustrations for all the ships and submarines that have helped the U.S. to achieve its present-day status as the country with the world's largest and most powerful navy. A further article about Paul Silverstone and the Navy Warships series can be found at: http://www.thejc.com/home.aspxParentId=m11s18s180&SecId=180&AId=58892&ATypeId=1

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In this closely reasoned and lucid analysis, an important thinker on American strategy surveys weapons technology and its military and political implications for the 1970s. J. I. Coffey refutes the argument that American national security requires "superior" strategic offensive forces or extensive air and missile defenses. In so doing he assesses in simple terms the various factors involved in this complex and difficult subject. While many books on strategy deal only with a single area or a particular weapons system, this work synthesizes technical and non-technical considerations across the whole range of national security issues affected by strategic power-war-fighting, deterrence, Communist behavior, alliance relationships, nuclear proliferation, and arms control. Its orderly and authoritative marshaling of tabulated data, its citations from Department of Defense documents and congressional hearings, and its classifications of the alternative options which strategy makers can now pursue, are all invaluable to both the student of national security and the professional strategist.

In this book Dr Christoph Bluth presents an original analysis of the build up of Soviet strategic forces from the death of Stalin to the SALT I agreement. The author is able to demonstrate how domestic priorities and internal power struggles account for the seeming inconsistencies of Soviet military and foreign policy.

A rookie cop. A corrupt businessman bent on power. Can a desperate man execute justice in a town on fire ... and survive? Ricky's fury starts with a newspaper article - An economic miracle. A run-down town in the Midwest transformed. One man has effected this change, poured his wealth into converting old factories into new ventures, Main Street into a hub for deep-pocketed incomers, and put a spring into the step of a place people once avoided. Ricky Nardilo, all grown-up, a rookie cop, isn't having it. The man who has brought this boom is the man who shot him in his youth. The man whose son Ricky killed. He owns the town, he owns the local politicians, he owns the police force Ricky works for. As Ricky aims down the muzzle of his gun at this bigshot, his struggle between a quiet, complicit life and a personal war will tear him apart and drag old friends and family into a chaos he never thought possible. Praise for American Spartan: " ... tears a path of righteousness through small town America that reads as though it should be on the big screen." - Stephen J. Golds, author of Say Goodbye When I'm Gone "The pace of this novel builds up into a fair amount of action sequences, and there is plenty of tension and excitement during those." - Goodreads Reviewer "... you'll engage in close reading, parsing the words and experiencing a delayed impact that will jolt you." - Murder in Common

Centered on the lives of three distinct and unique individuals: most of all a desperate and troubled twelve year old feral child who has grown up on the dangerous streets of Washington DC and works for a ruthless young and ambitious drug dealer, a highly decorated war hero who commands one of America's most elite and ultra-secretive commando units, and America's top politician and Commander-In-Chief, the President of the United States, the decisions of one and the actions of the other impacts the fate of this misguided child, as well as the future of America. This story is about a child lost in a sinister world of drugs, violence, juvenile delinquency and child exploitation and a country on the verge of all out war on drugs and terror in Central America, which just may include Mexico. Far from this child's limited world view, American, British, and Israeli intelligence stumble onto a Colombia drug cartel's plan to join forces with an element of al Qaeda to smuggle dirty bombs into America with the aid of a ruthless band of ex-Latin American Special Forces members turned mercenaries. Enraged, the President decides it's time to unleash America's premier and most feared fighters, her Spartan Warriors: Delta Force, US Navy SEALs, US Army Rangers, and the famed Green Berets, along with a high-octane take no prisoners air support wing to bring them all down. Yes, this time the terrorist have gone too far. If there is anything that strikes fear into these criminals, it is America's Spartan Warriors. And now they are on their way.

For 100 years, between 1850 and 1950, the cargo liner grew to dominate the world's trade routes, providing regular services that merchants, shippers and importers could rely on; they carried much of the world's higher value manufactured goods and raw materials and their services spread to most corners of the world. They were the tool of the world's first phase of globalization. This new book, evocatively illustrated with a magnificent collection of more than 300 photographs, begins with the establishment of routes around Europe and across the North Atlantic in the 1850s. Not until the Liverpool ship owner and engineer, Alfred Holt, developed high-pressure compound engines were coal-powered vessels able to steam further afield, to the Far East and Australia. The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 cemented the dominance of the cargo liner and only with the appearance of the first container ship in the 1950s was that dominance finally overthrown. With its informative introductory texts and abundant photographs, this book will appeal to ship enthusiasts around the world and to all those who mourn the passing of the golden age of the steamship.

Historical Dictionary of Afghanistan, Fifth Edition contains a chronology, an introduction, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has more than 1,000 cross-referenced entries on important personalities as well as aspects of the country's politics, economy, foreign relations, religion, and culture.

"Whenever someone asks me if I believe in heaven and hell, I tell them I don't know about heaven, but on hell... I'm an expert." On the eve of World War I, the Martians from the original H.G. Wells classic have returned to finish what they started, but this time humanity is ready. Armed with steam-powered battle machines created from reverse-engineered alien technology, the global defense force A.R.E.S. prepares for the coming conflict as tensions rise in Europe. Captain Eric Wells, an orphan of the first War of the Worlds, commands Earth's newest, most formidable weapon... the colossal battle tripod GOLIATH. Includes new and deleted scenes not included in the film. Based on the award-winning animated film from director Joe Pearson and Tripod Entertainment, starring Adrian Paul, Peter Wingfield, Elizabeth Gracen, Jim Byrnes, Beau Billingslea, Mark Sheppard, and Adam Baldwin. Adapted from the screenplay by David Abramowitz. 2015 Scribe Award Finalist (Best Adapted Novel Category)

This book is a continuation of the author's quest for good government: responsive, responsible, representative, and effective. In a democracy, People are sovereign. This study devoted to U.S.A. follows

similar study of judicial system of India: Judicial Systems of the Third World: The Case of India. ISBN 1-4033-3975-5-7-9, Library of Congress Control No.: 2002092375. The author undertook the present study of Colorado court system after finding major discrepancies in the published laws and their actual compliance in courts. Based on actual civil and criminal case studies, it was focused when images of Abu Gharaib and Guantenamo Bay prisoners subjected to sexual, mental, and physical abuse were flashed by the electronic media. Equally bad news items of a New York innocent youth suffering imprisonment of 27 years and rape of a lady officer in Air Force Academy Colorado followed. The author believes that the Declaration of Independence established a new religion of democracy for all human beings. This religion paraphrases what is taught by Gita, Guru Granth Sahib, and other

This timely work brings a new appreciation for the American military, the complex dynamics of civilian control, and the principled ways in which the four guardian services defend their nation.

For more than a decade Nina Baym has pioneered in the reexamination of American literature. She has led the way in questioning assumptions about American literary history, in critiquing the standard canon of works we read and teach, and in rediscovering lost texts by American women writers. Feminism and American Literary History collects fourteen of her most important essays published since 1980, which, combining feminist perspectives with original archival research, significantly revise standard American literary history. In Part I, "Rewriting Old American Literary History," the focus is on male writers. Essays range from close readings of individual works to ambitious critiques of the main paradigms by which scholars have conventionally linked disparate texts and authors in a narrative of nationalist literary history: the self-in-the-wilderness myth, the romance-novel distinction, the myth of New England origins. Part II, "Writing New American Literary History," studies examples of women's writing from the Revolution through the Civil War. Stressing much overtly public and political writing that has been overlooked even by feminist scholars, noting public and political themes in supposedly domestic works, the essays substantially modify and historicize the paradigm by which premodern American women's writing is currently understood. The contentious and influential essays in Part III, "Two Feminist Polemics," address feminist literary theory and pedagogy, advocating a pluralist practice as the basis for scholarship, criticism, and humane feminism. No one interested in American literature or in women's writing can afford to ignore Baym's revisionist work. Humorous and gracefully written, this book is enjoyable and indispensable.

"Major Jim Gant, a man seen by many of us as the 'perfect insurgent,'--an inspiring, gifted, courageous leader... -- GENERAL DAVID H. PETRAEUS (U.S. Army, Ret.) THE PAPER THAT ROCKED OSAMA BIN LADEN Team members during the May 2, 2011 U.S. military raid that killed Osama Bin Laden seized piles of Al Qaeda intelligence. One piece of evidence found in Bin Laden's personal sleeping quarters was an English language copy of Jim Gant's One Tribe at a Time. It contained notes in the margins consistent with others identified as written by Osama Bin Laden. A directive from Osama Bin Laden to his intelligence chief was also discovered. It identified Jim Gant by name as an impediment to Al Qaeda's operational objectives for eastern Afghanistan. Bin Laden ordered that Gant be assassinated. "[One Tribe at a Time] was hugely important...at a time when I was looking for ideas on Afghanistan...[Gant] was the first to write it down, in a very coherent fashion, very readable, very encouraging frankly...and there is enormous power in that." --General David H. Petraeus (U.S. Army, Ret.) quoted in American Spartan: The Promise, The Mission, and The Betrayal of Special Forces Major Jim Gant by Ann Scott Tyson Washington Post reporter Ann Scott Tyson read "One Tribe at a Time," and - informed by her combat experience in Afghanistan and Iraq and her eight years as a reporter in China - she realized that Jim's paper made sense. She decided to write a story about Jim entitled, "Jim Gant, the Green Beret who could win the war in Afghanistan." After the article appeared in January 2010, as Jim was in Washington, D.C., attending Pashto language training, he met Ann and the two fell in love. She followed his mission in Afghanistan and wrote AMERICAN SPARTAN: The Promise, the Mission, and the Betrayal of Special Forces Major Jim Gant.

Recommended Reading by Warren Buffet in his March 2013 Letterto Shareholders How speculation has come to dominate investment—ahard-hitting look from the creator of the first index fund. Over the course of his sixty-year career in the mutual fundindustry, Vanguard Group founder John C. Bogle has witnessed amassive shift in the culture of the financial sector. The prudent,value-adding culture of long-term investment has been crowded outby an aggressive, value-destroying culture of short-termspeculation. Mr. Bogle has not been merely an eye-witness to thesechanges, but one of the financial sector’s most activeparticipants. In The Clash of the Cultures, he urges a return tothe common sense principles of long-term investing. Provocative and refreshingly candid, this book discusses Mr.Bogle's views on the changing culture in the mutual fund industry,how speculation has invaded our national retirement system, thefailure of our institutional money managers to effectivelyparticipate in corporate governance, and the need for a federalstandard of fiduciary duty. Mr. Bogle recounts the history of the index mutual fund, how hecreated it, and how exchange-traded index funds have altered itsoriginal concept of long-term investing. He also presents afirst-hand history of Wellington Fund, a real-world case study onthe success of investment and the failure of speculation. The bookconcludes with ten simple rules that will help investors meet theirfinancial goals. Here, he presents a common sense strategy that"may not be the best strategy ever devised. But the number ofstrategies that are worse is infinite." The Clash of the Cultures: Investment vs. Speculationcompletes the trilogy of best-selling books, beginning withBogle on Investing: The First 50 Years (2001) and Don'tCount on It! (2011)

Charles Darwin's theory of descent suggested that man is trapped by biological determinism and environment, which requires the fittest specimens to struggle and adapt without benefit of God in order to survive. Tthis volume focusses on how American literature appropriated and aesthetically transformed this, and related, theories.

"Organized into three parts, the ninth edition traces the impact that societal changes and emerging technologies are having as force enablers, game changers, or disrupters of American defense policy"--

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