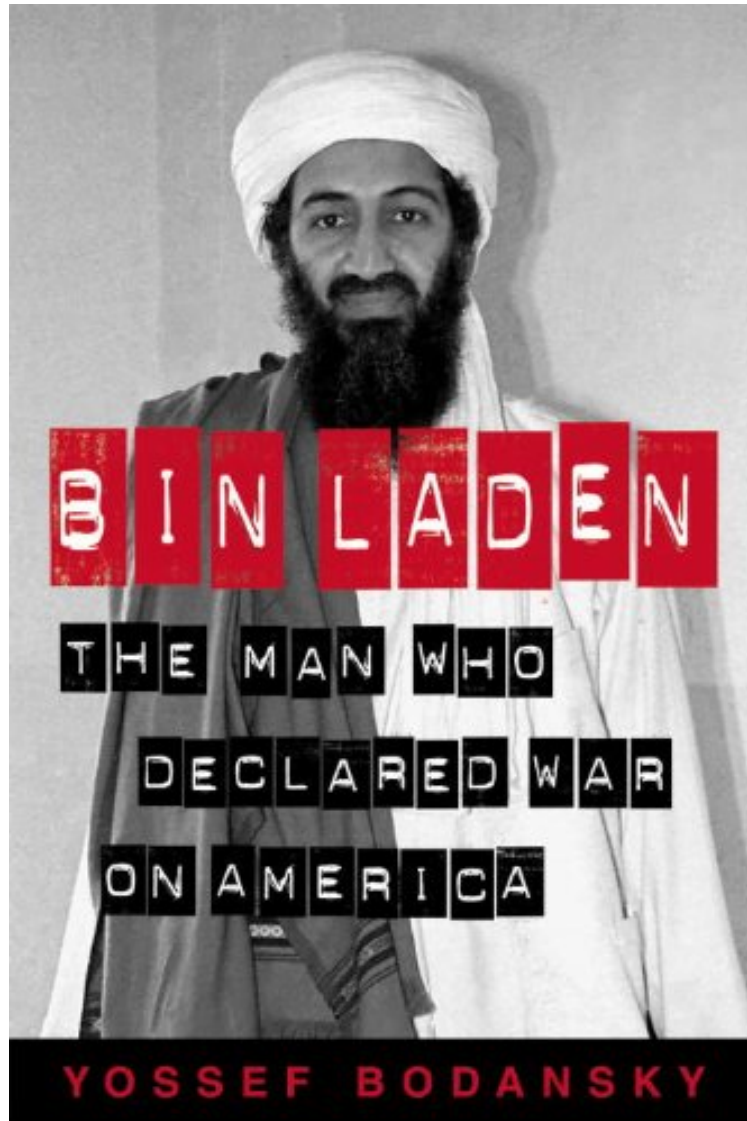


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Be true to yourself, not your governmentVon FAZAAfter reading this book, I can only sit back and laugh. An author attempts to investigate a man who is far more couragous and intelligent than himself, just goes rounq in circles. After reading the book, and seeing the propoganda on the TV people will see evil in bin laden. This is your ignorance. A man who works for his religion, his people, and allah is a good man. I was left angry at the introduction to this book. They say

"Shortly after terrorists led by Osama bin Laden attacked the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998".

WHAT! This is reckless lies which work to the advantage of western propoganda. Why would bin laden attack Kenya? Why Tanzania? If it was him, he would hit Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, nations of importance. I do admit he may be responsible for the incident is Saudi Arabia, of course, but people forget his true message. His message is anti-american government, not anti-american-people. He works to reveal the truth, like the Libyan situation, like the ~ Iraq situation, like the Israel/Lebanon situation. He is working to show people the truth behind the American conspiracy against the Arab world. For example, why is Libya to this day sanctioned when they were later found innocent after the bomb that blew in Germany. Why has nothing been done against Israel's human rights violation? Why is Iraq being sanctioned especially after all inspectors agree the sanctions should be lifted?" ~ people to stop living in ignorance. If you do some research, you too will find out. America is lying to you every day. America regards Hizbolla as a terrorist, why? Because they work to liberate their country? To remove the occupier? Bin Laden is a terrorist because he is speaking up against America, oh, how democratic! He is a terrorist because he works to reveal the truth.

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Von Ein Kunde

The research seems thorough; the protagonists are evil enough; and the American victim is unsuspecting and unprepared. Yet, Bodansky's web of global conspiracy hinges on untested assumptions and unverified claims stitched together by an Islamic-phobia that belongs in a previous century. Bodansky shows his analytical weakness by lumping together every so-called Islamist from the Maghreb to Mindanao in a mythical anti-Western crusade. Bodansky falls within a long line of so-called policy analysts who have invented the clash of civilizations thesis by promoting fear and demonizing the other. Osama Bin Laden is a terrorist, yet he is hardly the face nor mastermind of a world-wide Islamist militant movement. He is an extremist, isolated by his theological and violent beliefs, with marginal support among the mainstream Muslim intelligentsia, professional groups, and working classes, dangerous to the West and the Muslim world equally.

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Von sarwar

The Saudi millionaire militant Osama Bin Laden and Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence (ISI) have struck a deal under which the so-called Mujaheddin will carry out "spectacular terrorist strikes" in the heart of India in return for the ISI's support, protection and sponsorship, according to a new book on the world's most-wanted terrorist. The deal, solidified in Spring 1998, enables the ISI to strike in India while denying any involvement, says Yossef Bodansky, author of the recently released book *Bin Laden: The Man Who Declared War on America*. The book also makes a stunning allegation: The ISI, in cahoots with the so-called Mujaheddin, sponsors, supports and trains terrorists throughout the world from centers in Afghanistan and Pakistan for operations in the Middle East, India (not just Kashmir), and increasingly, western Europe. In a compelling account of the ISI's nexus with Osama bin Laden and their flagrant involvement in subversive activity in India, Bodansky says the Pakistani spy agency is actively assisting bin Laden in the expansion of an Islamist infrastructure in India. It distributes cassettes and other propaganda material in which Bin Laden and others described India, along with the United States and Israel, as the greatest enemy of Islam. Primary venues for the distribution of Islamist propaganda and incitement material are the institutions run by the Ahl-i-Hadith religious charity, which is associated with Lashkar-e-Toiba Islamist Kashmiri organisation. Bodansky writes that under the command of Abdul Karim Tunda, the Lashkar-e-Toiba has already been responsible for several terrorist attacks in India. In addition, Bin Laden has major cells in the southern city of Bangalore and Hyderabad which support Harkar-ul-Ansar, a Pakistan-sponsored Islamist organisation that actively participates in the jihad in Kashmir and trains mujaheddin for jihad fronts all over the world. What makes Bodansky's revelations all the more interesting is that he is the Director of the US Congressional Task Force on Terrorism headed by Congressman Bill McCollum. Although the disclosures in the book are widely known and privately acknowledged in the intelligence community of which Bodansky is a part, the US executive _ and the American media _ have preferred to tread softly on Pakistan on the terrorism issue. Bodansky's book paints ISI as a sinister and malignant terrorist outfit that is spreading mayhem not just in India but elsewhere in the world in the name of Islam. He says the US strikes against bin Laden and the terrorist camps in Afghanistan have only reinforced the relationship between the ISI and bin Laden. Bodansky says Pakistan promoted Islamism as the sole ideology capable of containing and reversing the breakup of Pakistan on ethno-national lines. "Consequently, the ISI's support for and sponsorship of sisterly Islamic terrorist movements throughout the Arab world became a cornerstone of Pakistan's national security policy," he writes. The book has explicit details of ISI-run terrorist training camps right through the 1980s and how it was largely aimed at India while also feeding terrorism elsewhere in the world. At one point during the Afghan war, says Bodansky, the ISI kept even the CIA out of these camps. This was because the ISI wanted to hide the extent of training and support non-Afghan volunteers were getting at these camps. Most numerous were the thousands of Islamic trainees from Indian Kashmir and to a lesser extent Sikhs from the Punjab. In one particularly damning passage that shows how recklessly the ISI turned Pakistan into a "place of pilgrimage for terrorists," Bodansky reveals that in the Fall of 1988, the spy and subversion agency instructed all Pakistani legations to issue "special tourist" visas to any Islamist aspiring to fight in the Afghan Jihad. These "visas" were provided, frequently along with paid airline tickets, to volunteers who lacked proper travel documents as well as those who gave false names and were wanted by their governments for terrorism and subversion.

Kurzbeschreibung "Fascinating account. I strongly recommend it." Jeane J. Kirkpatrick World-renowned terrorism expert Yossef Bodansky explores the transformation of Osama bin Laden from a once promising engineering student into the cold-blooded leader of the radical Islamic terrorist group, al Qaeda. With meticulous detail, Bodansky chronicles the events leading up to the international operation of hunting bin Laden. In the process, Bodansky pulls together a chilling story that is as ancient as the Crusades; a story that transcends bin Laden and any other single man, one that sweeps from Iran, Afghanistan, and Iraq to Kosovo and beyond. He takes you deep into the heart of centuries-old hatreds that have produced generations of bin Ladens and a terror network of underground armies that can strike virtually anywhere in the world. Fueled by Middle Eastern oil wealth and covertly armed by some of America's closest allies, this terror network is waging a brutal guerrilla war whose aim is nothing short of changing the course of history. The battlefields are increasingly Western city streets, and the casualties are most often innocents caught in the crossfire. Including information about al Qaeda's pursuit of chemical and nuclear weapons, covert deals between the U.S. and Islamic terrorists, and American efforts in the years-long campaign to capture Osama bin Laden, this book is a sobering wake-up call.

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