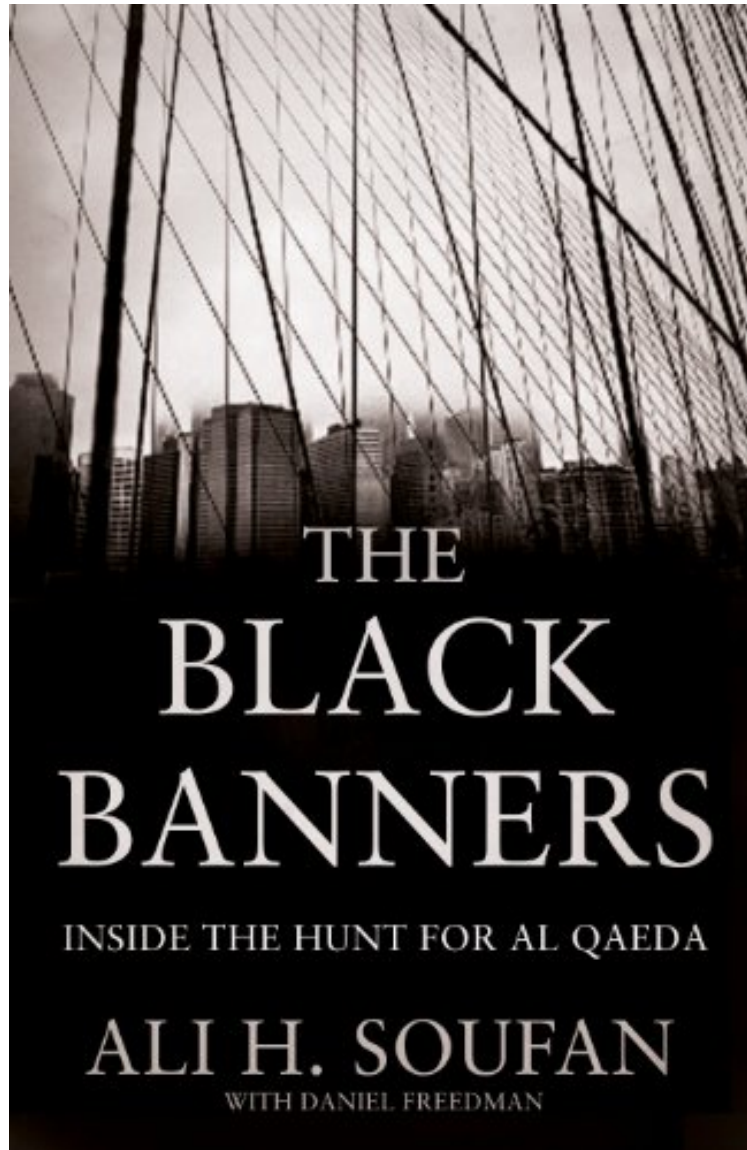


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**Von Ali Soufan : The Black Banners: Inside the Hunt for Al Qaeda** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Black Banners: Inside the Hunt for Al Qaeda:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Professionals at workVon OberleseratteProfessionals? Well, at least some of them , and that is definitely including the author (his opinion about relevant parts of the CIA, the military and the White House is a little different, and he explains the reasons perfectly). Apart from his experiences with counterproductive and ridiculous inter-agency-turf-

wars Ali Soufan gives an excellent overview over so many topics of interest that I just name the most important ones: Al Qaeda, the FBI's (and other government agencies) work against terrorism, interrogation, the mentality in arabic countries, islamistic radicalism, Guantanamo Bay and many others. This book is really full of information about many topics that the public normally can get not so much valid information about. Highly recommended! It seems just incredible how naive or dumb some people in some agencies view a world they do not know. And how willingly some politicians follow them, just because it fits to their own personal agenda or ideology. But the most important point is: why do I believe Ali Soufan more than the officials in the Bush administration or the CIA (he even mentions personally a former CIA agent named Kiriakou who also published a biography and proves him to have lied publicly)? Because the blacking out of supposedly secret parts (enforced by the CIA) in the book is so annoying that I could not believe it. For about 150 Pages they mainly let xxx out every reference that it was the author himself who experienced it all. Example: When X did the interrogation, X found out that... 150 Pages, with the main secret which according to the CIA needed to be xxx-ed/blacked out, that X means I, the author. Bureocracy 100 percent, efficiency none. Just as Soufan claims.

Kurzbeschreibung 'If you see the Black Banners coming from Khurasan, join that army, even if you have to crawl over ice; no power will be able to stop them' Hadith attributed to the Prophet Muhammad The Black Banners is the ultimate insider's account of the realities of counter-terrorism. During a decade on the front lines, as the FBI's lead investigator into Al Qaeda, Ali Soufan thwarted plots around the world and won some of the most important confessions from terrorists - without laying so much as a hand on them. Most of these stories have never been reported before, and never by anyone with such intimate firsthand knowledge. Soufan takes us into the interrogation rooms, into the hideouts. He even gives us a ringside seat at bin Laden's personal celebration of the 9/11 bombings. This is a gripping blow-by-blow account of the ten-year hunt for the most dangerous and well-connected Islamist terrorists - some of whom are still at large. In The Black Banners Soufan also explains why the pervasive use of torture is not helping in the 'War on Terror', and how a more enlightened approach to intelligence is not only possible, but essential. This is a story not just of intrigue and bravery, but of empathy. He shows us how terrorists think and operate. And he shows that through this understanding, they can be stopped and finally brought to justice. Ali Soufan knows the truth about the successes and failures of countering terrorism. His knowledge is essential to us all. Pressestimmen In its cynical decision to censor the memoir of former F.B.I. Special Agent Ali Soufan, the C.I.A. is seeking to punish a critic and to obscure history. -- Lawrence Wright "Soufan describes many instances in which he uses his knowledge and a savvy rapport to exploit the personal foibles and intellectual weaknesses of his subjects ... The story of America's most famous Arab American FBI agent couldn't come at a more poignant time. "Although many have claimed to tell the inside story of the hunt for al-Qaeda, Ali Soufan has a better claim than most ... this is one of the most valuable and detailed accounts of its subject to appear in the past decade. "In a new memoir, a former F.B.I. agent who tracked Al Qaeda before and after the Sept. 11 attacks paints a devastating picture of rivalry and dysfunction inside the government's counterterrorism agencies. The book describes missed opportunities to defuse the 2001 plot, and argues that other attacks overseas might have been prevented, and Osama bin Laden found earlier, if interrogations had not been mismanaged. --Scott Shane "the revelations uncovered are worth it; this is a story that had to be told. "To those inside the U.S. government Soufan has long been something of a legend. He conducted the most effective and fruitful interrogations of Al Qaeda suspects during the war on terrorism, and save for some inexplicable failures by the CIA, he and his team might well have prevented 9/11. Soufan has since left the FBI and written a gripping account of his experiences, brimming with details about Al Qaeda and its historical development. "... this is an absorbing account of America's fightback after 9/11, full of revealing or amusing details ... So ultimately this book is cheering as well as fascinating, because it reveals the dedication of those who defend us, as well as the weird frailties of those who try to kill us. "Unfortunately, we only have one Ali Soufan. Had American intelligence listened to him, 9/11 might never have happened. No one did more to unravel the story of al-Qaeda than Ali Soufan. Thankfully, he's left another legacy in this book. Anyone who wants to know what really happened should read it. It's an inspiring but wrenching story told from the heart of a great American. --Lawrence Wright, author of The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11 "Superb. An education. And the best book on al Qaeda out there, bar none. --Robert Baer, former CIA official and author of See No Evil, Sleeping with the Devil, and The Devil We Know" Kurzbeschreibung 'If you see the Black Banners coming from Khurasan, join that army, even if you have to crawl over ice; no power will be able to stop them' Hadith attributed to the Prophet Muhammad The Black Banners is the ultimate insider's account of the realities of counter-terrorism. During a decade on the front lines, as the FBI's lead investigator into Al Qaeda, Ali Soufan thwarted plots around the world and won some of the most important confessions from terrorists - without laying so much as a hand on them. Most of these stories have never been reported before, and never by anyone with such intimate firsthand knowledge. Soufan takes us into the interrogation rooms, into the hideouts. He even gives us a ringside seat at bin Laden's personal celebration of the 9/11 bombings. This is a gripping blow-by-blow account of the ten-year hunt for the most dangerous

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