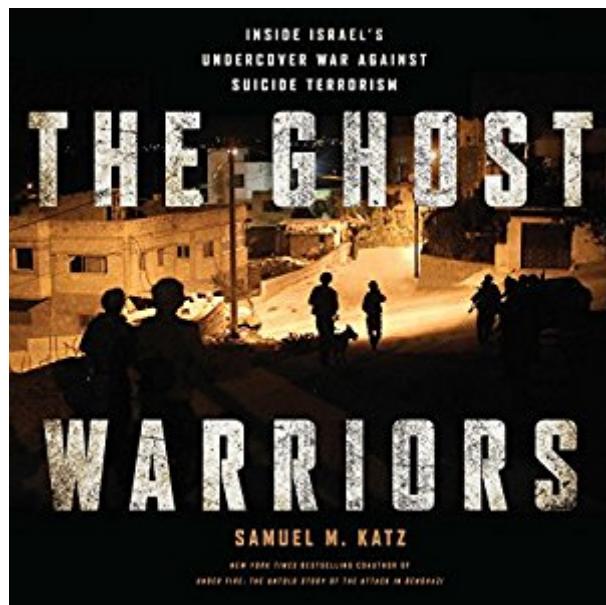


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# The Ghost Warriors: Inside Israel's Undercover War Against Suicide Terrorism



## Synopsis

It was the deadliest terror campaign ever mounted against a nation in modern times: the al-Aqsa, or Second, Intifada. This is the untold story of how Israel fought back with an elite force of undercover operatives drawn from the nation's diverse backgrounds and ethnicities - and united in their ability to walk among the enemy as no one else dared. Beginning in late 2000, as black smoke rose from burning tires and rioters threw rocks in the streets, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Arafat's Palestinian Authority embarked on a strategy of sending their terrorists to slip undetected into Israel's towns and cities to set the country ablaze, unleashing suicide attacks at bus stops, discos, pizzerias - wherever people gathered. But Israel fielded some of the most capable and cunning special operations forces in the world. The Ya'mas, Israel National Police Border Guard undercover counterterrorist special operations units, became Israel's eyes-on-target response. Launched on intelligence provided by the Shin Bet, indigenous Arabic-speaking Dovrim, or "Speakers", operating in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza infiltrated the treacherous confines where the terrorists lived hidden in plain sight and set the stage for the intrepid tactical specialists who often found themselves under fire and outnumbered in their effort to apprehend those responsible for the carnage inside Israel. This is their compelling true story: a tale of daring and deception that could happen only in the powder keg of the modern Middle East.

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## Customer Reviews

This is an amazing book. I got it in audio book format and loved it. It is hard to believe that life can

be so hard, that you can be surrounded by people who want to kill you. "The Ghost Warriors" describes the valiant efforts of the Ya'mas anti-terrorist operatives to protect the Israeli people from murderous terrorists. At one point I wondered why anyone would want to live in Israel when it is so dangerous. Then I remembered the Holocaust. The Jewish people need a place where they can defend themselves. Evil people are always attacking the Jewish people. The Yom Kippur War: The Epic Encounter That Transformed the Middle East is an account of the last time the nation of Israel had to fight for its life. There are a lot of crazy people in the world. Days of Rage: America's Radical Underground, the FBI, and the Forgotten Age of Revolutionary Violence describes crazy people in America wanting murder and mayhem. The lunatics are everywhere, but they are thickest in the Middle East

One of the best and most interesting books I have ever read! I learned a great deal about these incredibly brave men who risk their lives and sacrifice so much for the security of Israel's population. The book is riveting, and I found it to be a real nail biter. It took me into this world of how these security forces face the most dangerous missions one can only imagine, but is a daily reality for these men. A great read!

A very well written book about Israel's undercover soldiers. They do a very dangerous job, and many times they do not see their families. "The Ghost Warriors" gives good insight into these special people.

This is the #1 most exciting and suspenseful and THE BEST book I've read on the subject. This really should be a movie

WOW! This is one of the books that one needs to read, to be able to understand the complexity of fighting terrorism and terrorists. As usual from this author, it is just simply top-notch. I am in awe of his level of detail and insight, and also his sources. This is so good it should be on university reading lists for subjects dealing with terrorism, international security, military subjects, and so on. Don't take my word, buy it yourself and be amazed!

Samuel M. Katz may have pulled off the impossible in Ghost Warriors. Not to sound crass but in a book on a special ops type counter-terrorism unit, I guess I've developed a bit of a

Rambo syndrome in that I know some terrorists are going to be killed. So what exactly is supposed to differentiate the Israeli unit from any other counter-terrorism unit on the planet, other than the fact that terrorism in Israel is a daily fact of life? Here it is where the impossible comes into play. The Ghost Warriors made me care about what happens to these men who leave their families and never know whether when they kiss them goodbye in the morning will be the last time because of the violent nature of their job. Several times I even ended up a little bit misty and not just for the Israeli side either, but those Palestinians left behind after their loved ones journeyed to martyrdom or whatever they call it these days. It is very hard to get beyond this jaded, cynical coldness in books on terrorism that sets in after you've read as many as I have, but somehow Ghost Warriors made me think about counter-terror on a deeper level than before.

The Ghost Warriors is a remarkable book remarkable by the insight that it provides into how Israel has dealt with terrorism for decades and remarkable in its nail-biting detail bringing the reader up-close-and-personal into the trenches of operations deep behind terrorist lines. Most of all, considering the West's current struggle against ISIS, The Ghost Warriors is a remarkable book in its timeliness. This is a book that describes how a Western democracy can not only absorb a full-scale fanatical terrorist offensive, but defeat it, as well. The key to this effort is guile, tactical force, and a small cadre of men who can infiltrate terrorist-held strongholds using every trick in the book. The Ghost Warriors profiles Israel's undercover units commandos who speak Arabic and can masquerade themselves off as local Palestinians in order to move about Palestinian areas unnoticed allowing them to get up close and personal to the men they target. It is dangerous work, work requiring a spy's patience, and a detective's sixth sense, tactical prowess and most of all huge COJONES. The undercover units featured in the book are known as the Ya'amas and belong to the para-military arm of the Israel National Police. The book follows the men, and some amazing characters worthy of a full-fledged Hollywood-treatment, from the three police units one responsible for the West Bank, one responsible for Jerusalem, and one responsible for the Gaza Strip that fought back an endless onslaught of suicide bombers during the al-Aqsa intifada. Over 1,000 Israeli civilians were killed in this war, a remarkable number considering that Israel's population consists of only seven million people. Tens of thousands more could have been killed; as the book points out in painstaking detail, Israel thwarted over 90% of the planned Palestinian attacks (most of the attacks

were thwarted by the undercover units in daring operations). Many of the Ya'mas operators are Druze, Bedouins, and other members of Israel's minorities, individuals who speak fluent Arabic. Other members of the units come from all elements of Israeli society. These operators are trained to understand the enemy's mindset, language, and religion. The book, the author points out, underwent an Israeli security review. Still, the intimate detail in how these units operate is unprecedented. The battle descriptions are dramatic. This book should be mandatory reading by every federal task force and law enforcement agency involved in combating terrorism; this book should be part of the manual of all Special Forces personnel involved in the Global War on Terror. Ed d'Alessandro NYPD Emergency Service Unit retired[...]

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