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from the 1 new york times bestselling author of black hawk down the shocking story of the country s unlikeliest drug kingpin the baltimore sun by the early 1980s larry lavin had everything going for him he was a bright charismatic young man who rose from working class roots to become a dentist with an ivy league education and a thriving practice and a beloved father with a well respected family in one of philadelphia s most exclusive suburbs but behind the façade of his success was a dark secret lavin was also the mastermind behind a cocaine empire that spread from miami to boston to new mexico catering to lawyers stockbrokers and other professionals and generating an annual income of 60 million for the good doctor now mark bowden a master of narrative journalism the new york times book review tells the harrowing saga of lavin s rise and fall in a shocking american tragedy that shoots straight from the hip pittsburgh post gazette an engrossing crime story and a compelling morality tale the arizona republic has all the elements of a chilling suspense thriller a smoothly crafted exciting can t put it down book the new voice louisville a wall street journal national security reporter takes readers into the lives of frontline u s special operations troops fighting to keep the taliban and islamic state from overthrowing the u s backed government in the final years of the war in afghanistan a financial times best book of the year powerful important and searing

general david petraeus u s army ret former commander u s central command former cia director in 2015 the white house claimed triumphantly that the longest war in american history was over but for some it was just the beginning of a new war fought by special operations forces with limited resources little governmental oversight and contradictory orders with big picture insight and on the ground grit jessica donati shares the stories of the impossible choices these soldiers must make after the fall of a major city to the taliban that year hutch a battle worn green beret on his fifth combat tour was ordered on a secret mission to recapture it and inadvertently called in an airstrike on a doctors without borders hospital killing dozens caleb stepped on a bomb during a mission in notorious sangin andy was trapped with his team during a raid with a crashed black hawk and no air support through successive policy directives under the obama and trump administrations america came to rely almost entirely on us special forces and without a long term plan failed to stabilize afghanistan undermining us interests both at home and abroad eagle down is a riveting account of the heroism sacrifice and tragedy experienced by those that fought america s longest war no matter how skilled the writer of nonfiction you are always getting the story secondhand here s a chance to go right to the source these men were there mark bowden from the foreword it started as a mission to capture a somali warlord it turned into a disastrous urban firefight and death defying rescue operation that shocked the world and rattled a great nation now the 1993 battle for mogadishu somalia the incident that was the basis of the book and film black hawk down is remembered by the men who fought and survived it six of the best in our military recall their brutal experiences and brave contributions in these never before published firstperson accounts operation gothic serpent by matt evermann as a chalk leader evermann was part of the first group of rangers to fast rope from the black hawk helicopters it was his chalk that suffered the first casualty of the battle sua sponte of their own accord by raleigh cash responsible for controlling and directing fire support for the platoon cash entered the raging battle in the ground convoy sent to rescue his besieged brothers in arms through my eyes by mike kurth one of only two african americans in the battle kurth confronted his buddies deaths realizing that the only people whom i had let get anywhere near me since i was a child were gone what was left behind by john belman he roped into the biggest firefight of the battle and considers some of the mistakes that were made such as using black hawk helicopters to provide sniper cover be careful what you wish for by tim wilkinson he was one of the air force pararescuemen or pjs the highly trained specialists for whom that others may live is no catchphrase but a credo and sums up his incomprehensible courage as just

holding up my end of the deal on a bad day on friendship and firefights by dan schilling as a combat controller he was one of the original planners for the deployment of sof forces to mogadishu in the spring of 1993 during the battle he survived the initial assault and carnage of the vehicle convoys only to return to the city to rescue his two closest friends becoming literally last out with america s withdrawal from somalia an oft cited incitement to osama bin laden it is imperative to revisit this seminal military mission and learn its lessons from the men who were there and amazingly are still here a study guide for mark bowden s black hawk down a story of modern war excerpted from gale s acclaimed literary themes for students war and peace this concise study guide includes plot summary character analysis author biography study questions historical context suggestions for further reading and much more for any literature project trust literary themes for students war and peace for all of your research needs a thoughtful and funny account of the 1992 philadelphia eagles explores the gritty inside world of professional football from the greed violence and savage violence to the beauty and athleticism of the game reprint from mark bowden the preeminent chronicler of our military and special forces comes the finish a gripping account of the hunt for osama bin laden with access to key sources bowden takes us inside the rooms where decisions were made and on the ground where the action unfolded after masterminding the attacks of september 11 2001 osama bin laden managed to vanish over the next ten years as bowden shows america found that its war with al qaeda a scattered group of individuals who were almost impossible to track demanded an innovative approach step by step bowden describes the development of a new tactical strategy to fight this war the fusion of intel from various agencies and on the ground special ops after thousands of special forces missions in iraq and afghanistan the right weapon to go after bin laden had finally evolved by spring 2011 intelligence pointed to a compound in abbotabad it was estimated that there was a 50 50 chance that osama was there bowden shows how three strategies were mooted a drone strike a precision bombing or an assault by navy seals in the end the president had to make the final decision it was time for the finish a gripping ground level narrative a marvel of reporting tightly wound but also panoramic washington post a lean fast paced and important account of the chaotic final weeks new york times in the steal veteran journalists mark bowden and matthew teague offer a week by week state by state account of the effort to overturn the 2020 presidential election in the sixty four days between november 3 and january 6 president donald trump and his allies fought to reverse the outcome of the vote focusing on six states arizona georgia michigan nevada pennsylvania and wisconsin trump s supporters claimed

widespread voter fraud caught up in this effort were scores of activists lawyers judges and state and local officials working with a team of researchers and reporters bowden and teague uncover never before told accounts from the election officials fighting to do their jobs amid outlandish claims and threats to themselves their colleagues and their families the steal is an engaging in depth report on what happened during those crucial nine weeks and a portrait of the dedicated individuals who did their duty and stood firm against the unprecedented sustained attack on our election system and ensured that every legal vote was counted and that the will of the people prevailed a novelistic mosaic that simultaneously reads like a thriller and like a strange dreamlike excursion into the subconscious the new york times years ago when house of leaves was first being passed around it was nothing more than a badly bundled heap of paper parts of which would occasionally surface on the internet no one could have anticipated the small but devoted following this terrifying story would soon command starting with an odd assortment of marginalized youth musicians tattoo artists programmers strippers environmentalists and adrenaline junkies the book eventually made its way into the hands of older generations who not only found themselves in those strangely arranged pages but also discovered a way back into the lives of their estranged children now this astonishing novel is made available in book form complete with the original colored words vertical footnotes and second and third appendices the story remains unchanged focusing on a young family that moves into a small home on ash tree lane where they discover something is terribly wrong their house is bigger on the inside than it is on the outside of course neither pulitzer prize winning photojournalist will navidson nor his companion karen green was prepared to face the consequences of that impossibility until the day their two little children wandered off and their voices eerily began to return another story of creature darkness of an ever growing abyss behind a closet door and of that unholy growl which soon enough would tear through their walls and consume all their dreams revealing never before told stories with the incisive thought and emotion of one who was there the author does not pull any punches his story is one of great bravery of going to hell and making it back indianapolis star his battered face appeared on the cover of time newsweek and u s news world report to the shock and horror of all americans black hawk pilot mike durant was shot down and taken prisoner during america s biggest firefight since the vietnam war published in the tenth anniversary year of the somali conflict this gripping personal account at last tells the world about durant s harrowing captivity and the heroic deeds of his doomed comrades and as readers will discover durant proves himself to be nothing less than

a hero a study guide for mark bowden s black hawk down a story of modern war excerpted from gale s acclaimed literary themes for students war and peace this concise study guide includes plot summary character analysis author biography study questions historical context suggestions for further reading and much more for any literature project trust literary themes for students war and peace for all of your research needs national bestseller to get ahead today you have to be a jerk right divisive politicians screaming heads on television angry campus activists twitter trolls today in america there is an outrage industrial complex that prospers by setting american against american creating a culture of contempt the habit of seeing people who disagree with us not as merely incorrect but as worthless and defective maybe like more than nine out of ten americans you dislike it but hey either you play along or you ll be left behind right wrong in love your enemies social scientist and author of the 1 new york times bestseller from strength to strength arthur c brooks shows that abuse and outrage are not the right formula for lasting success brooks blends cutting edge behavioral research ancient wisdom and a decade of experience leading one of america s top policy think tanks in a work that offers a better way to lead based on bridging divides and mending relationships brooks prescriptions are unconventional to bring america together we shouldn t try to agree more there is no need for mushy moderation because disagreement is the secret to excellence civility and tolerance shouldn t be our goals because they are hopelessly low standards and our feelings toward our foes are irrelevant what matters is how we choose to act love your enemies offers a clear strategy for victory for a new generation of leaders it is a rallying cry for people hoping for a new era of american progress most of all it is a roadmap to arrive at the happiness that comes when we choose to love one another despite our differences dark thrilling and hilarious the black hawks is an epic adventure perfect for fans of joe abercrombie and scott lynch by applying cohen and gooch s model to the battle of mogadishu this paper shows that the failure of the tfr mission on 3 4 october 1993 was the result of a system failure secretary aspin received far more blame than he deserved for making the decision misperception of the real impact tanks and apcs could have had on the overall mission is the real cause of this disproportionate blame gen hoar and gen powell in addition bear as much responsibility as secretary aspin for the decision neither of these generals strongly advocated the deployment to aspin even though the worsening situation on the ground merited their strong support both hoar and powell s approval recommendations can be characterized as lukewarm aspin s real failure was of not being more critical of the conduct of the tfr operations in light of secretary aspin s acknowledged concern over the number of

similar operations conducted by tfr and his knowledge that the administration was seeking a political solution he should have notified mg garrison of the policy shift though the jcs and cinccent and provided additional guidance on risk had aspin either reassessed the risk of each tfr operation more thoroughly or done a better job coordinating the policy shift in light of the increased risks it is likely that the three october raid would not have occurred ranging from war journalism to crime stories to profiles on influential leaders to pieces on sports gambling and the impending impact of supercomputers on the practice of medicine this collection is bowden at his best pieces that will appear in the collection include the three battles of wanat which tells the story of a bloody engagement in afghanistan and the extraordinary years long fallout within the us military the drone warrior in which bowden examines the strategic legal and moral issues surrounding armed drones and the case of the vanishing blonde which first appeared in vanity fair and recounts the chilling story of a woman who went missing from a florida hotel only to turn up near the everglades brutally beaten raped and still alive also included are profiles on a diverse range of notable and influential people such as joe Biden kim jong un judy clarke who is well known for defending america s worst serial killers and david simon the creator of the successful hbo series the wire painstakingly reported stories about losers oddballs and con men from the 1 new york times bestselling journalist and author of black hawk down the new york times book review this riveting anthology collects the most diverse and far reaching of mark bowden s award winning nonfiction with fascinating features on norman mailer the war against terror and even a philadelphia zoo gorilla bowden s range is broad entertainment weekly whether traveling to rhode island where one of the largest cocaine rings in history is uncovered or to the luangwa valley in zambia where anti poachers fight to save the black rhino bowden takes us down rough roads previously off limits the top secret world of guantanamo bay saddam hussein s post 9 11 days on the run a pimp s inside track on police corruption in philadelphia and al sharpton s campaign trail bowden also invites readers along to meet a small town high school football team farmers who make bras for cows the rocky balboa statue in philadelphia and to see disney world with a wide eyed group of terminally ill children in road work mark bowden fashion s prose that reads like good fiction with the bonus that his stories are true the new york times book review astute character reading and solid research combine with ingenious and stylish prose a superior portfolio from a journalist who stays at the top of his game kirkus reviews starred review bowden is unlike any other journalist superb reporting a fine mind conceiving the story line and a compelling writing style lead to something

approaching immortality st louis post dispatch decorated u s military veteran turned country music star keni thomas gives a personal account of his heart wrenching experiences in the chaotic 1993 battle of mogadishu to express a unique set of leadership lessons and inspired view of life s greater purpose a new york times notable book of the year a main selection of the military history book club an independent bestseller a featured alternate of the literary guild a national book award finalist destined to become a classic of war reporting this is a brilliant account of the longest sustained firefight involving american troops since the vietnam war on october 3 1993 about a hundred u s soldiers were dropped by helicopter into a teeming market in the heart of mogadishu somalia to abduct two top lieutenants of a somali warlord the action was supposed to take an hour instead they spent a long and terrible night fighting thousands of armed somalis by morning eighteen americans were dead and more than seventy badly injured mark bowden s gripping narrative is one of the most exciting accounts of modern war ever written a riveting story that captures the heroism courage and brutality of battle the 1 new york times bestselling master of narrative journalism and author of black hawk down presents a compelling collection of true crime stories new york times acclaimed investigative reporter mark bowden has ferreted out unbelievable yet true stories of wrongdoing murder and mayhem for decades his illustrious body of work has won him a lifetime achievement award from the international thriller writers organization and a reputation as a woodward that outdoes even woodward malcom gladwell new yorker the case of the vanishing blonde collects six of bowden s most riveting stories accounts spanning four decades of fascinating characters and unsettling tales to illustrate all manner of crimes and the ways technology has progressively altered criminal investigation from a 1983 story of a university of pennsylvania campus rape that sparked a national debate over the nature of consent to three cold cases featuring the inimitable long island private detective ken brennan and a startling investigation into a murderer deep within the lapd s ranks shielded for twenty six years by officers keen to protect one of their own these stories are the work of a masterful narrative journalist a history of world war ii s operation argument in which us and british air forces led a series of raids against nazi germany in 1944 during the third week of february 1944 the combined allied air forces based in britain and italy launched their first round the clock bomber offensive against germany their goal to smash the main factories and production centers of the luftwaffe while also drawing german planes into an aerial battle of attrition to neutralize the luftwaffe as a fighting force prior to the cross channel invasion planned for a few months later officially called operation

argument this aerial offensive quickly became known as big week and it was one of the turning point engagements of world war ii in big week acclaimed world war ii historian james holland chronicles the massive air battle through the experiences of those who lived and died during it prior to big week the air forces on both sides were in crisis allied raids into germany were being decimated but german resources fuel and pilots were strained to the breaking point ultimately new allied aircraft especially the american long range p 51 mustang and superior tactics won out during big week through interviews oral histories diaries and official records holland follows the fortunes of pilots crew and civilians on both sides taking readers from command headquarters to fighter cockpits to anti aircraft positions and civilian chaos on the ground vividly recreating the campaign as it was conceived and unfolded in the end the six days of intense air battles largely cleared the skies of enemy aircraft when the invasion took place on june 6 1944 d day big week is both an original contribution to wwii literature and a brilliant piece of narrative history recapturing a largely forgotten campaign that was one of the most critically important periods of the entire war praise for big week an amazon best book of the year with the aid of diaries memoirs and his own interviews mr holland gives a detailed crewman s eye view of combat from inside the british american and german aircraft during the months leading up to big week and during the week itself for those hoping for war movie stuff rest assured that the enemy fighters do come in at 6 o clock the guns do hammer the sun does glint and the chutes do blossom in the sky still it s a serious and important story as well as a dramatic one and mr holland tells it with verve and authority david a price wall street journal highly detailed the interplay of personal stories with the broader strategic picture makes this book especially illuminating a fascinating must read for world war ii aficionados kirkus reviews starred review the unexpectedly moving story of dumb luck and the american dream set in south philly from the 1 new york times bestselling author entertainment weekly what would you do if you found a million dollars when joey coyle did he was a twenty eight year old drug dependent unemployed longshoreman living with his ailing mother in a tight knit philadelphia neighborhood while cruising the streets just blocks from his home fate took a turn worthy of a hollywood caper when he found 1 2 million in unmarked bills casino money that had fallen off an armored truck it was virtually untraceable coyle not so much over the next seven days fueled by euphoria methamphetamine and paranoia coyle shared his windfall with everyone from his eight year old niece to total strangers to a local mob boss who offered to clean it all the while det pat laurenzi and members of the fbi were working around the clock to find it no one was

prepared for how coyle's dream come true would come tumbling down or what would happen when it did from a master of narrative journalism comes the incredible true life thriller of an ordinary man with an extraordinary dilemma and the complicity concern and betrayal of friends family and neighbors that would prove his undoing the new york times book review a miniature serio comedy about life in the city the washington post masterfully reported and artfully paced entertainment weekly a taut fast paced tale the baltimore sun an action packed thriller about nuclear terrorism during the cold war follow delta force members dave ames matt jensen and rebecca brown as they try to track down a terrorist nuclear device with the potential to change the history of the world from guerrilla camps in nicaragua to the halls of congress divided berlin and cyprus these secret warriors risk their lives and love to prevent the ultimate terrorist act written with an insider's knowledge by the former deputy commander of the army's elite anti terrorist group the delta force exciting fast paced adventure for men and women alike from the bestselling author of black hawk down the gripping story of the conficker worm the cyberattack that nearly toppled the world the conficker worm infected its first computer in november 2008 and within a month had infiltrated 1.5 million computers in 195 countries banks telecommunications companies and critical government networks including british parliament and the french and german military became infected almost instantaneously no one had ever seen anything like it by january 2009 the worm lay hidden in at least eight million computers and the botnet of linked computers it had created was big enough that an attack might crash the world in this masterpiece the philadelphia inquirer mark bowden expertly lays out a spellbinding tale of how hackers researchers millionaire internet entrepreneurs and computer security experts found themselves drawn into a battle between those determined to exploit the internet and those committed to protecting it daugherty addresses the public perception of the cia as a rogue agency that initiates unsanctioned risky covert action programs the 17 year veteran operations officer with the cia produces evidence to disprove this notion please note this is a companion version not the original book sample book insights 1 in the lead humvee staff sgt jeff struecker's heart sank as he saw people running around on the tarmac he had three humvees full of wounded soldiers to get back to base and he was worried about getting through the crowd 2 when the soldiers started catching rounds from a different direction galentine and telscher ran to an alley there they came face to face with a somali woman galentine had been very close to killing this woman 3 eversmann had three rangers injured one critically and he had gotten them out he radioed first lt larry perino the chalk one commander that he had taken two

more casualties from across the street sgt telscher shouted sgt an ambitious remarkably frank chronicle of the philadelphia eagles bid for the nfl championship by the 1 new york times bestselling author kirkus reviews in 1992 the philadelphia eagles a team assembled in the image of their iconoclastic controversial former head coach buddy ryan were known for their ferocious defense led by reggie white seth joyner and andre waters and for the otherworldly talents of quarterback randall cunningham now was the time for the eagles campaign for the championship but as the season progressed it disintegrated into an ugly flurry of greed racism violence personal and professional feuds one tragic death and a very wild face off in the stands between a player s wife and mistress by midseason the sentiment of both fans and press was the same shut up and play told through the personal stories of the teammates themselves as well as the coaches managers and owner bringing the heat spares nothing and no one in a phenomenal feat of reportage perfect for football fans coast to coast h g bissinger author of friday night lights overflows with stories of pro football dreams of bravery in the face of injury yet it also unflinchingly tells of the darker side of life in the nfl uncontrollable egos ruined families marital infidelity the new york times book review there are now four mandatory books on football dan jenkins s semi tough george plimpton s paper lion h g bissinger s friday night lights and the hilarious incorrigible son of them all mark bowden s bringing the heat michael bamberger sports illustrated 1 new york times bestseller the riveting account of the 1993 operation in mogadishu the longest sustained firefight involving us troops since vietnam the wall street journal on october 3 1993 about a hundred elite us soldiers were dropped by helicopter into the teeming market in the heart of mogadishu somalia their mission was to abduct two top lieutenants of a somali warlord and return to base it was supposed to take an hour instead they found themselves pinned down through a long and terrible night fighting against thousands of heavily armed somalis the following morning eighteen americans were dead and more than seventy had been badly wounded drawing on interviews from both sides army records audiotapes and videos some of the material is still classified bowden s minute by minute narrative is one of the most exciting accounts of modern combat ever written a true story that captures the heroism courage and brutality of battle one of the most gripping and authoritative accounts of combat ever written usa today journalistic writing at its best the boston globe vivid immediate and unsparing the washington post includes a new afterword new york times bestseller the true behind the scenes story of the manhunt for the 9 11 mastermind is a page turner minneapolis star tribune from the author of black hawk down and hue 1968 this is a gripping account of the hunt for osama bin laden

with access to key sources mark bowden takes us inside the rooms where decisions were made and on the ground where the action unfolded after masterminding the attacks of september 11 2001 osama bin laden managed to vanish over the next ten years as bowden shows america found that its war with al qaeda a scattered group of individuals who were almost impossible to track demanded an innovative approach step by step bowden describes the development of a new tactical strategy to fight this war the fusion of intel from various agencies and on the ground special ops after thousands of special forces missions in iraq and afghanistan the right weapon to go after bin laden had finally evolved by spring 2011 intelligence pointed to a compound in abbotabad it was estimated that there was a 50 50 chance that osama was there bowden shows how three strategies were mooted a drone strike a precision bombing or an assault by navy seals in the end the president had to make the final decision it was time for the finish in depth interviews with obama and other insiders reveal a white house on edge facing top secret options white knuckle decisions and unforeseen obstacles bowden weaves together accounts from obama and top decision makers for the full story behind the daring operation vanity fair the most accessible and satisfying book yet written on the climactic event in the united states long war against al qaeda san francisco chronicle with the rise of drones and computer controlled weapons the line between war and video games continues to blur in this book the authors trace how the realities of war are deeply inflected by their representation in popular entertainment war games and other media in turn feature an increasing number of weapons tactics and threat scenarios from the war on terror while past analyses have emphasized top down circulation of pro military ideologies through government public relations efforts and a cooperative media industry the military entertainment complex argues for a nonlinear relationship defined largely by market and institutional pressures tim lenoir and luke caldwell explore the history of the early days of the video game industry when personnel and expertise flowed from military contractors to game companies to a middle period when the military drew on the booming game industry to train troops to a present in which media corporations and the military influence one another cyclically to predict the future of warfare in addition to obvious military entertainment titles like america's army lenoir and caldwell investigate the rise of best selling franchise games such as call of duty battlefield medal of honor and ghost recon the narratives and aesthetics of these video games permeate other media including films and television programs this commodification and marketing of the future of combat has shaped the public's imagination of war in the post 9 11 era and naturalized the u s pentagon's vision of a new way of war

new in the acclaimed series based on the bestselling book by mark bowden the new movie from acclaimed director ridley scott gladiator and renowned producer jerry bruckheimer pearl harbor starring josh hartnett coming from revolution studios and distributed by columbia pictures in january 2002 based on actual events black hawk down is the heroic account of a group of elite us soldiers sent into mogadishu somalia in 1993 as part of a un peacekeeping operation to quell the civil war and famine ravaging the country young rangers and veteran delta force soldiers fight side by side against overwhelming odds for eighteen harrowing hours outnumbered and surrounded tensions flare friends are lost alliances are formed and soldiers learn the true nature of war and heroism the cast also includes eric bana ewan mcgregor tom sizemore william fichtner and sam shepard 20 b w photos credits supersummary a modern alternative to sparknotes and cliffsnotes offers high quality study guides for challenging works of literature this 74 page guide for black hawk down by mark bowden includes detailed chapter summaries and analysis covering 27 chapters as well as several more in depth sections of expert written literary analysis featured content includes commentary on major characters 25 important quotes essay topics and key themes like how could this happen and loyalty reproduction of the original autobiography of ma ka tai me she kiak or black hawk by black hawk the true story of a cold case a compulsive liar and five determined detectives from the 1 new york times bestselling author and master journalist the wall street journal on march 29 1975 sisters katherine and sheila lyons ages ten and twelve vanished from a shopping mall in suburban washington dc as shock spread then grief a massive police effort found nothing the investigation was shelved and the mystery endured then in 2013 a cold case squad detective found something he and a generation of detectives had missed it pointed them toward a man named lloyd welch then serving time for child molestation in delaware the acclaimed author of black hawk down and hue 1968 had been a cub reporter for a baltimore newspaper at the time of the original disappearance and covered the frantic first weeks of the story in the last stone he returns to write its ending over months of intense questioning and extensive investigation of welch s sprawling sinister appalachian clan five skilled detectives learned to sift truth from determined lies how do you get a compulsive liar with every reason in the world to lie to tell the truth the last stone recounts a masterpiece of criminal interrogation and delivers a chilling and unprecedented look inside a disturbing criminal mind one of our best writers of muscular nonfiction the denver post deeply unsettling bowden displays his tenacity as a reporter in his meticulous documentation of the case but in the story of an unimaginably horrific crime it s the detectives unwavering

determination to bring welch to justice that offers a glimmer of hope on a long dark journey time every war brings forth one perfect book now we have the immaculate invasion the masterpiece of the 1994 us assault on and occupation of haiti chicago tribune widely celebrated upon its original publication in 1999 national book award winning writer bob shacochis s the immaculate invasion is a gritty poetic and revelatory look at the american intervention in haiti in 1994 the united states embarked on operation uphold democracy a response to the overthrow of the democratically elected haitian government by a brutal military coup as a reporter for harper s bob shacochis traveled to haiti and was embedded long before the idea became popular in iraq with a team of special forces commandos for eighteen months he came away with tremendous insight into haiti the character of american fighters and what can happen when an intervention turns into a misadventure in the immaculate invasion shacochis captures the exploits and frustrations the inner lives and heroic deeds of young americans as they struggle to bring democracy to a country ravaged by tyranny the immaculate invasion is required reading for anyone who wants to understand what has happened in haiti in the past its current state and its future path an extraordinary book about an extraordinary event i felt transported to haiti i could hear it i could smell it at moments i felt moved almost to tears only to find myself a page or two later laughing out loud tracy kiddler pulitzer prize winning author of the soul of a new machine the author of black hawk down vividly recounts a pivotal vietnam war battle in this new york times bestseller an extraordinary feat of journalism karl marlantes wall street journal in hue 1968 mark bowden presents a detailed day by day reconstruction of the most critical battle of the tet offensive in the early hours of january 31 1968 the north vietnamese launched attacks across south vietnam the lynchpin of this campaign was the capture of hue vietnam s intellectual and cultural capital 10 000 troops descended from hidden camps and surged across the city taking everything but two small military outposts american commanders refused to believe the size and scope of the siege ordering small companies of marines against thousands of entrenched enemy troops after several futile and deadly days lieutenant colonel ernie cheatham would finally come up with a strategy to retake the city block by block in some of the most intense urban combat since world war ii with unprecedented access to war archives in the united states and vietnam and interviews with participants from both sides bowden narrates each stage of this crucial battle through multiple viewpoints played out over 24 days and ultimately costing 10 000 lives the battle of hue was by far the bloodiest of the entire war when it ended the american debate was never again about winning only about how to leave a los angeles times book prize finalist

in history winner of the 2018 marine corps heritage foundation greene award for a distinguished work of nonfiction the nfl championship game that changed football forever a new york times bestselling sports history classic by the author of black hawk down yankee stadium december 28 1958 what was about to go down on this sunday evening in front of sixty four thousand fans and forty five million home viewers the largest viewership ever assembled for a live televised event was the first sudden death overtime in nfl history this one battle between the league s best offense the baltimore colts and the best defense the new york giants would propel professional football from a moderately popular pastime into america s favorite sport on the field and roaming the sidelines were seventeen future hall of famers including colts stars johnny unitas raymond berry and gino marchetti and giants greats frank gifford sam huff and assistant coaches vince lombardi and tom landry but they were opposing teams in more ways than one it was a contest between baltimore blue collars many of whom worked off season taking shifts at bethlehem steel and the trendy new york glamour boys of splashy magazine ads and tv commercials who mingled with politicians broadway stars and even ernest hemingway mark bowden dives into the trenches of the 1958 nfl championship game for a riveting play by play account the stories behind the key players the effect it had on the league the sport and the country entertainment weekly bring s the contest so alive that you find yourself almost wondering years later how it will turn out in the end the new york times the best game ever is sure to become an instant sacred text jonathan yardley the washington post the shadow drawing reorients our perspective distills a life and brings it into focus the very work of revision and refining that its subject loved best parul sehgal the new york times editors choice an entirely new account of leonardo the artist and leonardo the scientist and why they were one and the same man leonardo da vinci has long been celebrated for his consummate genius he was the painter who gave us the mona lisa and the last supper and the inventor who anticipated the advent of airplanes hot air balloons and other technological marvels but what was the connection between leonardo the painter and leonardo the scientist historians of renaissance art have long supposed that leonardo became increasingly interested in science as he grew older and turned his insatiable curiosity in new directions they have argued that there are in effect two leonardos an artist and an inventor in this pathbreaking new interpretation the art historian francesca fiorani offers a different view taking a fresh look at leonardo s celebrated but challenging notebooks as well as other sources fiorani argues that leonardo became familiar with advanced thinking about human vision when he was still an apprentice in a florence studio and used his

understanding of optical science to develop and perfect his painting techniques for leonardo the task of the painter was to capture the interior life of a human subject to paint the soul and even at the outset of his career he believed that mastering the scientific study of light shadow and the atmosphere was essential to doing so eventually he set down these ideas in a book a treatise on painting that he considered his greatest achievement though it would be disfigured ignored and lost in subsequent centuries ranging from the teeming streets of florence to the most delicate brushstrokes on the surface of the mona lisa the shadow drawing vividly reconstructs leonardo s life while teaching us to look anew at his greatest paintings the result is both stirring biography and a bold reconsideration of how the renaissance understood science and art and of what was lost when that understanding was forgotten the new york times bestselling author of black hawk down delivers a suspenseful and inspiring account of the iranian hostage crisis of 1979 the wall street journal on november 4 1979 a group of radical islamist students inspired by the revolutionary iranian leader ayatollah khomeini stormed the u s embassy in tehran they took fifty two americans captive and kept nearly all of them hostage for 444 days in guests of the ayatollah mark bowden tells this sweeping story through the eyes of the hostages the soldiers in a new special forces unit sent to free them their radical naïve captors and the diplomats working to end the crisis bowden takes us inside the hostages cells and inside the oval office for meetings with president carter and his exhausted team we travel to international capitals where shadowy figures held clandestine negotiations and to the deserts of iran where a courageous desperate attempt to rescue the hostages exploded into tragic failure bowden dedicated five years to this research including numerous trips to iran and countless interviews with those involved on both sides guests of the ayatollah is a detailed brilliantly recreated and suspenseful account of a crisis that gripped and ultimately changed the world the passions of the moment still reverberate you can feel them on every page time a complex story full of cruelty heroism foolishness and tragic misunderstandings pittsburgh post gazette essential reading a entertainment weekly the bloody month long battle for the citadel in hue during 1968 pitted u s marines against an entrenched numerically superior north vietnamese army force by official u s accounts it was a tactical and moral victory for the marines and the united states but a survivor s compulsion to square official accounts with his contrasting experience has produced an entirely different perspective of the battle the most controversial to emerge from the vietnam war in decades in some of the most frank vivid prose to come out of the war author nicholas warr describes with urgency and outrage the marines savage house to

house fighting ordered without air naval or artillery support by officers with no experience in this type of deadly combat sparing few in the telling including himself war's shocking firsthand narrative of these desperate suicide charges which devastated whole companies takes the wraps off an incident that many would prefer to keep hidden his account is sure to ignite heated debate among historians and military professionals despite senseless rules of engagement and unspeakable carnage there were unforgettable acts of courage and self sacrifice performed by ordinary men asked to accomplish the impossible and war is at his best relating these stories for example there's the grenade throwing mortarman who in a rage wipes out two machine gun emplacements that had pinned down an entire company for days and the fortunate grunt with thick glasses who stumbles blindly without receiving a scratch across a street littered with the dead and dying who hadn't made it in describing the most vicious urban combat since world war ii this account offers an unparalleled view of how a small unit commander copes with the conflicting demands and responsibilities thrust upon him by the enemy his men and the chain of command

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