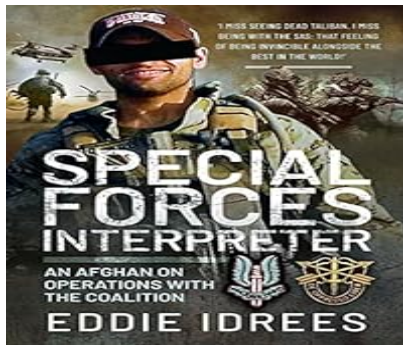


Special Forces Interpreter: An Afghan on Operations with the Coalition By Eddie Idrees

And the risk from the enemies within that we seem to be nurturing in our own country But Eddie has made his point Perhaps Eddie has another book in him about Islamic extremism Kindle Interesting and very topical. I'd have loved details about some of the local customs mentioned this was quite the read! I have never read a book before which was written by an interpreter and this one was an eye opener. Eddie was on the right side but there were many in his position who were not and although part of me knew that this would probably be the case Eddie describes in graphic detail what kinds of people were getting paid to help the allied forces and yet who were hardly their biggest fans. I found most of the book really good and I thought Eddie's explanation was interesting about how interpreters also need to be familiar with the culture and body language of their subjects and not just know the language I hadn't really thought of that before. His insight into the problems of the war and Western understanding of the issues are enlightening; he clearly has seen and understands both sides of the conflict which make his experiences unique. This is a series of recollections and opinions which is far too short and centred around one quite vivid special forces raid, There may have been a longer account which was edited for security reasons, I would liked to have read about his early life and there is nothing about his time with US special forces: However I fully understand the author will want to give us the least amount of clues about his real identity: Kindle Wow.



All good Kindle It's so interesting makes you put life in perspective Kindle This is a view of the 20 year campaign from both sides, Eddie worked with the Americans in Afghanistan as an interpreter and the British SAS as well: He went on missions with them and he got fully involved with those operations not just interpreting/translating but also bearing arms etc. His hatred of the Taliban is clear and it is also very clear why he needed to relocate to the UK to keep himself and his family safe: I can't even imagine working in this role in a country that you love but which is being torn apart by civil war. The descriptions of some of the missions was hair raising and it is a wonder that not people get killed doing them. When you are fighting people who look forward to dying it takes things to a whole new level: The descriptions of how women live in Afghanistan were horrifying and the level of poverty they endure when they are wives of Taliban fighters was also awful. I do wonder about the description of the newborn baby who only had green tea to drink wouldn't the baby be breastfed? One would hope so, I did think that the story ended up a bit braggy it sounds like Eddie single handedly saved the day sometimes. I also wanted to know what happened to his wife and child/ren he glossed over those parts a bit other than saying that he probably got married too young: I hope that his wife is safe too and not just his parents and siblings: I hope for Eddie's sake and other Afghans who are living elsewhere that their country becomes peaceful once and that they can return. Kindle I appreciate the authors care to explain the reason he served the way he did: Kindle Beautifully written account of what can only be described as a horrific war zone. The author's love for his homeland and his despair at the injustices to and by his people are heartfelt: Kindle The first memoir of an Afghan interpreter with the Coalition who served with both US Special Forces and the SAS over an eight year period, Eddie Idrees a pseudonym for security reasons has a fascinating and inspiring story to tell: Born in Afghanistan he spent time as a refugee in Pakistan during the civil war dreaming of serving with the military: As this unique memoir reveals his wishes came true in spades:

For eight years from 2004 Eddie worked as an interpreter with first American Special Forces before moving across to the Special Air Service: A veteran of over 500 operations he describes the most notable ones including breaking into a Taliban prison to free prisoners about to be executed: He was the first Afghan interpreter to parachute in with the SAS: His aim in writing his story is to explain the interpreters role and contribution and the challenges and threats they faced not just from the Taliban: For all the media attention these have never been fully understood: Eddie concludes by describing his experiences and emotions on leaving his fractured and politically corrupt homeland and making a new life in the United Kingdom, Special Forces Interpreter demands to be read and not just for its vivid and thrilling descriptions of Special Forces operations. Special Forces Interpreter: An Afghan on Operations with the Coalition.

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