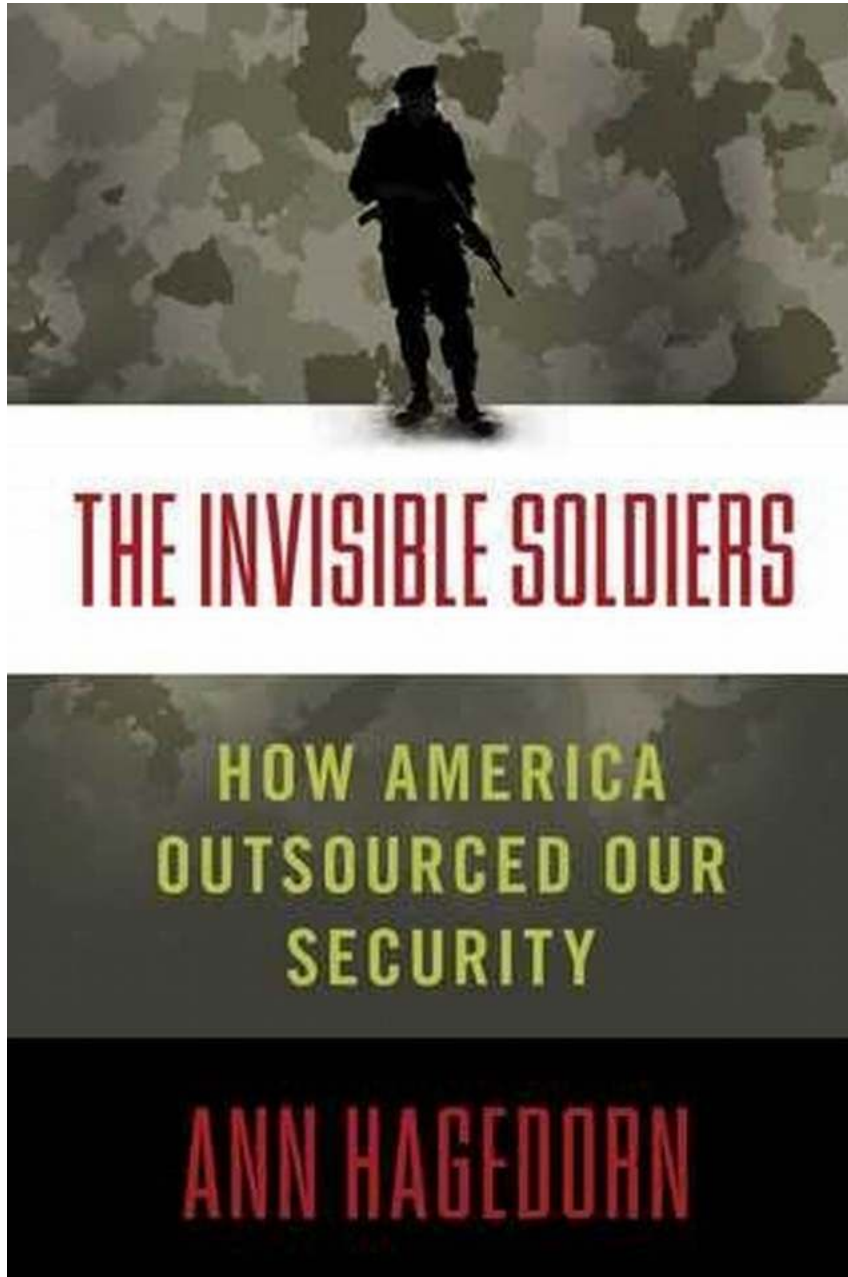


# The Invisible Soldiers: How America Outsourced Our Security - The Shocking Truth Revealed

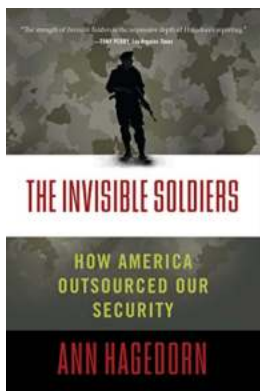


The Rise of Private Military Contractors

The United States has always prided itself on having the most powerful military force in the world. But did you know that a significant portion of America's defense operations are now being handled by private military contractors? These invisible soldiers, hired by the government to carry out important security tasks, have become an increasingly controversial topic in recent years.

## Outsourcing America's Security

Gone are the days when the military was solely responsible for protecting the nation's interests. The outsourcing of security functions began gaining momentum in the late 20th century when the private sector started playing a more active role in military operations. Today, private military contractors handle a wide range of tasks previously executed by traditional soldiers.



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## The Hidden Consequences

While outsourcing security may seem convenient and cost-effective, it comes with a myriad of hidden consequences. One alarming issue is the lack of accountability and oversight these private contractors face compared to regular

military personnel. With little transparency, it becomes challenging to ensure that they adhere to the same ethical standards and rules of engagement.

## **Lucrative Business in a Booming Industry**

The privatization of the military has given rise to an immensely profitable industry, with billions of dollars being funneled into the hands of private contractors each year. This financial incentive can sometimes create conflicts of interest, as some of these companies may prioritize profits over the well-being of the nation.

## **Unseen Power in the Shadows**

The invisible soldiers, often operating without any visible identification, wield immense power and authority. They carry out critical operations in war zones, assist in intelligence gathering, provide security for diplomats and embassy staff, and even participate in combat operations. Yet, unlike soldiers in uniform, they can blend in seamlessly with civilian populations, leaving no trace of their presence.

## **A Questionable Track Record**

The actions of private military contractors have not always been above reproach. Numerous reports and investigations have uncovered instances of misconduct, human rights abuses, and even war crimes committed by these invisible soldiers. The lack of accountability and oversight makes it easier for individuals involved in such acts to evade justice.

## **A Shift in Public Opinion**

Increasingly, public opinion regarding the use of private military contractors has shifted. Critics argue that outsourcing the nation's security jeopardizes the country's values and principles. The lack of control over these invisible soldiers

raises concerns about the erosion of democracy, transparency, and accountability in national defense.

## **Towards a New Era of Security**

Recognizing the challenges posed by the outsourcing of security, there are calls for greater regulation and oversight of private military contractors. Establishing stricter guidelines, as well as holding them accountable for their actions, is crucial to ensure the integrity of America's defense operations. It is time to reevaluate the extent to which our security is outsourced, and to what cost.

## **The Invisible Soldiers: Revealing the Truth**

The reliance on private military contractors has transformed the landscape of American security. The invisible soldiers, operating in the shadows, have become integral to the nation's defense capabilities. However, the lack of transparency, accountability, and potential ethical concerns demand a thorough examination of the consequences that come with outsourcing our security.

As we unveil the shocking truth about how America outsourced our security, it becomes evident that urgent action is necessary to address the challenges posed by this practice. The invisible soldiers may be discreet, but the impact of their actions resonates deeply within our society.



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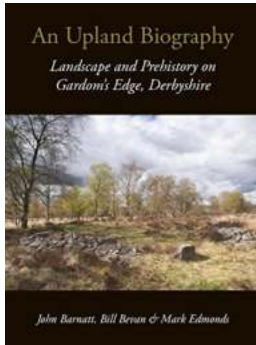


The urgent truth about the privatization of America's national security that exposes where this industry came from, how it operates, where it's heading—and why we should be concerned.

Thirty years ago there were no private military and security companies (PMSCs); there were only mercenaries. Now the PMSCs are a bona-fide industry, an indispensable part of American foreign and military policy. PMSCs assist US forces in combat operations and replace them after the military withdraws from combat zones; they guard our embassies; they play key roles in US counterterrorism strategies; and Homeland Security depends on them. Their services include maritime security, police training, drone operations, cyber security, and intelligence analysis (as Edward Snowden has famously revealed). Even the United Nations employs them.

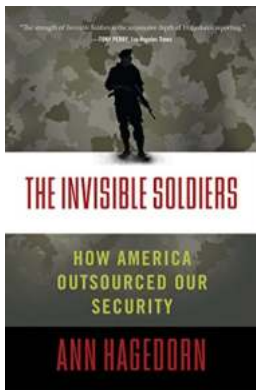
When did this happen? The turning point came when the US found itself in a prolonged war with Iraq, but without adequate forces. So the Bush Administration turned to the PMSCs to fill the gap. Private contractors and subcontractors eventually exceeded the traditional troops. The industry has never scaled back.

Ann Hagedorn profiles the members of Congress who recognize the dangers of dependence on PMSCs, but have been unable to limit them or even determine their true scope. She takes us to the exclusive club in London where the PMSCs were created, and she reveals the key figure in the evolution of the industry. She introduces us to a US Army general who studies new developments, such as PMSCs' drone operations, and worries about PMSCs potentially fighting American troops. *The Invisible Soldiers* will inspire a national dialogue about a little-known international industry on which our security rests.



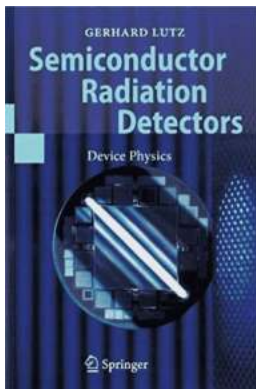
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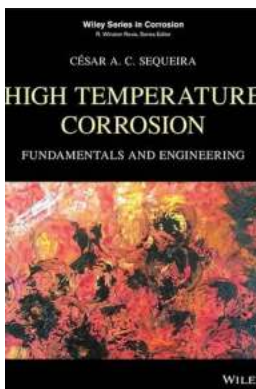
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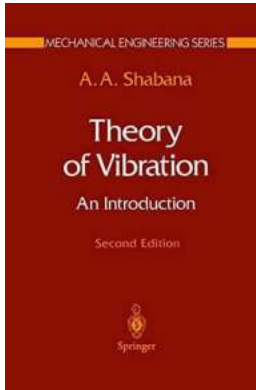
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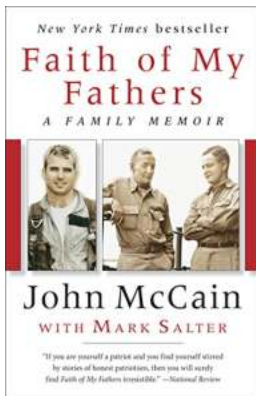
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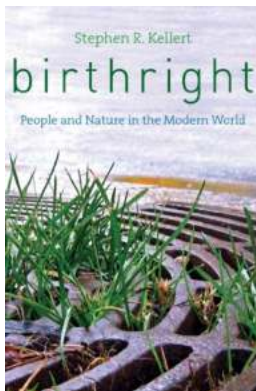
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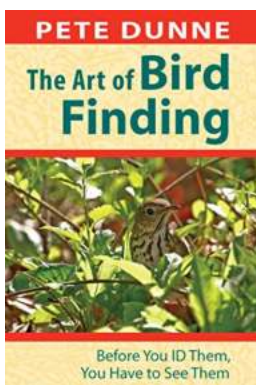
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