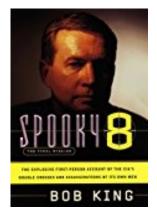
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Description:

For readers who believe truth is stranger than fiction, Bob King's tell-all book about the U.S. government's covert operations is an eye-opener. "In a world inundated with deception, media disinformation, cover stories, and lies, it's impossible to know exactly what the truth really means," writes King. "All I know for sure is that a very dark side of our government is in control." King tells how his ragtag team of blue-collar commandos, known as "Spooky 8," was frequently assembled to perform sensitive operations for the U.S. government in Central and South America. King takes a novelistic approach to his story (which purports to be rooted in fact), creating tough characters and macho dialogue. He shares Tom Clancy's love of technical detail and describes the unusual tools used by black-op professionals, such as high-powered amphetamines that "allowed us to work at 150 percent for three or four days without sleep." (The side effects: "At the end of the mission, your body shut down so hard, you might sleep for a couple of days.") The plot revolves around a government conspiracy to eliminate Spooky 8's members on what is supposed to be a simple mission of setting up surveillance equipment in the Colombian jungle. Apparently King and his buddies know too many secrets, and somebody high up wants them eliminated. Fans of Richard Marcinko's won't want to miss *Spooky 8. --John J. Miller --*This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

From Publishers Weekly From the very beginning, King assumes a defensive position: "I expect a considerable effort will be made to discredit my past, challenge my veracity, or even attack my mental state to make sure few will take this story and what it represents seriously." What this book represents will surely disturb many readersAbut not for the reasons King thinks it will. Though he wants us to be shocked by the fact that the U.S. government is willing to betray its covert operatives, what will trouble them is King's own attitude toward events. The book bears obvious similarities to Richard Marcinko's Roque Warrior series, but readers know that Marcinko's teamAin both his fiction and nonfictionAis under the command of the U.S. Navy and that its existence is therefore a matter of record. By contrast, King writes that his team, Spooky 8, which he joined in 1975, was a covert team designed to work the "dark, classified side of black operations" and that he never knew who was running the show. In an epithet-filled style thick with self-conscious bravado, King describes a Spooky 8 mission gone wrong. In 1992, the team was dispatched to Colombia to set up surveillance equipment to monitor the drug trade. It was ambushed and lost three members. The "final mission" of the subtitle refers to how King and his fellow survivors deduced who betrayed them, kidnapped the culprit and killed him, with King pulling the trigger ("BBLLLAAAMMM! 'That's for Santana'"). One team member collected the spent shell casings to make a necklace. The prospect that King is telling the truth may distress readers more than the prospect that he is fabricating events. Those events are related with a modicum of suspense in adrenalized prose laced with sometimes laughable dialogue. But even if everything that King says happened actually did occur, his telling is so devoid of meaningful moral reflection that it will satisfy only those willing to entertain the most lurid and violent revenge fantasies. Photos not seen by PW. Film rights to Hughes Brothers' Underworld Productions. (July)

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