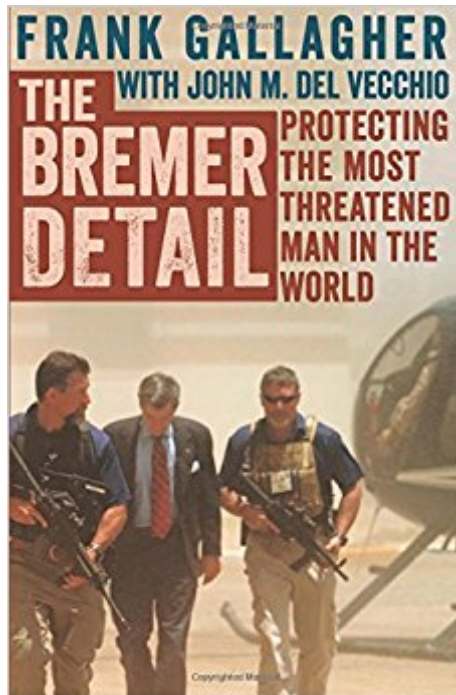


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The Bremer Detail: Protecting The Most Threatened Man In The World



Synopsis

Baghdad, 2003: An elite group of private security contractors is charged with protecting the American who rules Iraq. In May 2003 President George W. Bush appointed Paul Bremer as presidential envoy to Iraq. Bremer banned the Baath party and dismantled the Iraqi army, which made him the prime target for dozens of insurgent and terrorist groups. Assigned to protect him during his grueling sixteen-hour days were Blackwater security expert Frank Gallagher and a team of former Marines, SEALs, and other defense professionals. When they arrived, Baghdad was set to explode. As the insurgency gathered strength Bremer and the men who guarded him faced death daily. They were not in the military, but Gallagher and his team were on the front lines of the Iraq War. This fascinating memoir takes the reader deep behind the scenes of a highly dangerous profession. This edition includes ten pages of action photos from the author's time in Baghdad.

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Customer Reviews

In all honesty, I am a woman who rarely reads military books but I do stay informed of events happening outside of America. I remember seeing an interview with the man who started Blackwater and found his story intriguing, so I decided to give this book a chance. So glad I did. Frank Gallagher is a very likeable, down to earth, guy who tells it like it is. I found it fresh that a military tough guy ends many sentences with exclamation points! I'm having major surgery in a week and nothing could keep me from worrying about it until this book arrived. It totally caught me off guard and the story is compelling, entertaining, and Frank (haha, see what I did there??). I doubt many women

(like myself) would even think to give this book a second glance, but if you're a history/military buff and buy this book, please dare your wife (daughter/sister/girlfriend) to read the first two chapters of this book. I bet she'll get as drawn in as I did, and learn a few interesting things along the way. As an aside, I want to thank Frank and John Del Vecchio, all the military and non military contractors who answer the call of adventure and risk their future to protect America and our assets and our people. And a special thank you to the families who also wait patiently and anxiously for their loved ones to come home. I finished this in one night. And also not worrying about my surgery. It's nothing compared to life in Baghdad!!

This book relates the everyday routine of an elite group of private security contractors who were assigned to protect Paul Bremer, who was the presidential envoy to Iraq in 2003. Unlike most books this one was written in the first person and rather than chapters it begins with a date when the author received a call from the well-known security firm Blackwater. Those not familiar with Blackwater they were known to take on high risk security contracts and only hired the best former military and law enforcement people to work for them. They included ex-Army special force people, ex-Marines, ex-SEALs, air force special operations people and some Law enforcement SWAT officers. This particular detail (The Bremer Detail: Protecting the most threatened man in the world) was led by the author (Frank Gallagher) who is an ex-Marine Recon and expert in security details. He had also worked as director of security to former U.S. secretary of State, Dr. Henry Kissinger. One of the reasons I liked this book is how the author presented the material. It was straight forward as if you were having a personal conversation with him. The numerous difficulties involved in organizing and insuring everything ran smoothly in protecting Paul Bremer makes this an interesting and highly informative read. These are highly trained professionals who all took their job seriously and made sure they were in top physical and mental shape. The numerous problems the author had in this assignment and how he solved each one makes for an interesting read. If you are interested in how top notch security people operate, you should read this book. It provides important and practical information from a true expert in the field. A good read. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: Advanced PR-24 Police Baton Techniques).

This was quite a story. In 2003, then President Bush appointed Paul Bremer special envoy to Iraq which made him the perfect target for insurgents and terrorists as his mission began and he dismantled the Iraqi Army and banned the Ba the Party. The need for security for Bremer was paramount, and former Marine Frank Gallagher was hired to assemble a security team to protect

Bremer. Gallagher worked for Blackwater and the group assembled underneath him included former marines and Navy Seals, the upper echelon of military security experts. The original mission was supposed to be three months in duration which actually turned into a year. In this book, Gallagher discusses the need for a highly specialized security unit, the men he hired, and includes a lot of anecdotal information surrounding this well oiled security machine and the complexities of keeping someone as threatened as Bremer safe, not to mention the team assembled safely. Not everyone in the team was suited for their roles, and Gallagher discusses men being cut and men being brought in as the mission continued. Many stories abound and make for interesting and frightening reading. I was a bit taken back by how easily I was sucked into this story. It made for fascinating reading and opened my eyes to not only the role this team played and the need for special security detail, but it also made me look at the real threat of terrorism as it spreads globally. This is a most interesting book that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Regardless of how you feel about the utterly insane things bequeathed to us by the bush dynasties, 'The Bremer Detail' is an excellent personal security primer. Mr. Gallagher is basically a small unit leader, who builds his force from some thirty to about sixty personnel. He develops tactics to incorporate level 6 armored suburbans, and little bird choppers, including TF-160 Night Stalker pilots of black-hawk-down fame. The author has a healthy skepticism for invasion and occupation, disbanding the Iraqi army, and Blackwater HQ, but puts all of that aside to conduct himself professionally and execute a difficult mission in a hostile environment, while being Monday morning quarterbacked from thousands of miles away. The author also has to deal with several dozen prima donna ex SF-types and various poseurs and wannabes whom he commands (and frequently sends home). The author accomplishes the entire mission without his team firing a single shot.

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