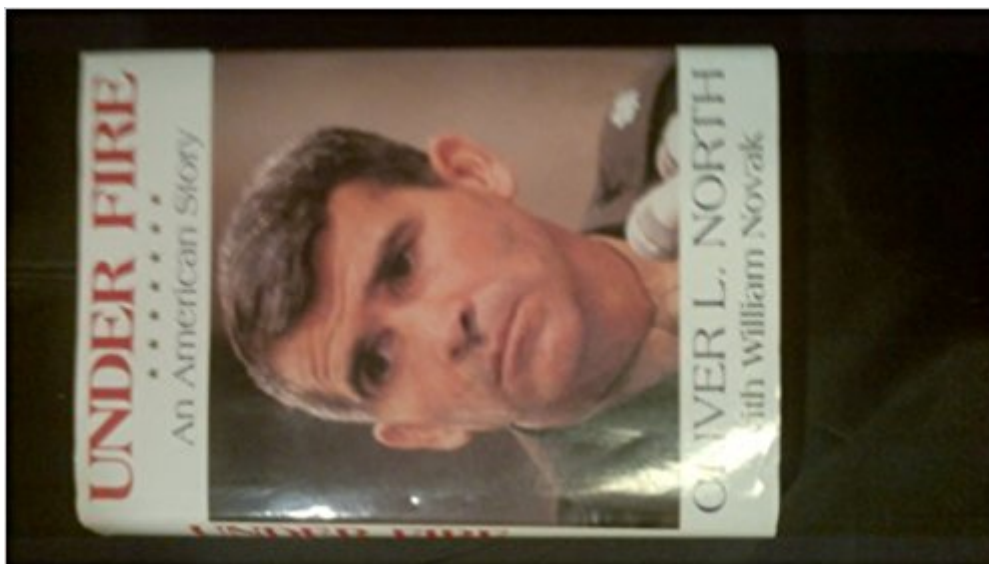


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Under Fire: An American Story



Synopsis

In this candid book, Oliver North, the man who has been at the centre of the Iran-Contra controversy tells the story of his life. He reveals the inside story behind the headlines and stresses the importance of his family and his enduring faith, which have seen him through the toughest times.

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Customer Reviews

Written in secret as if it were a covert operation, then suddenly released, this is unquestionably the "event" book of the year. Here, finally, we might expect to get answers to our questions about what became known as "Iran-contra." Was Marine Lieutenant Colonel North a "loose cannon" on the National Security Council, making U.S. foreign policy on his own? And just what did President Reagan really know about Iran-contra? North writes that Reagan "knew everything" about Iran-contra's covert operations. So too did Vice President Bush. Unfortunately, there is no specific document in the book proving that. What there is, however, is a preponderance of material that leads to an inevitable conclusion: North was a hard-working, well-trained, loyal Marine incapable of undertaking a covert operation without approval by his superiors. For the first time, we hear of and read a document sent to Reagan by North's lawyers, setting forth a sound legal argument for a presidential pardon for North. The letter, we learn, was never acknowledged. There are a number of such chilling moments in this important book. Recommended for most libraries.- Chet Hagan, Berks Cty. P.L. System, Pa. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This autobiography of Lt. Colonel Oliver North covers his childhood, his military career--including

Vietnam, his troubled marriage, near nervous breakdown and his own version of the events that became known as Iran-Contra. The subjective storytelling techniques he and co-author William Novak chose work well in the audio format. Without being too obvious, Christopher Hurt gives the impression of someone telling his own story sounding confused, angry, incredulous or grateful, as needed. The program includes some notes and an appendix with two documents: a commendation from Ronald Reagan and a plea for clemency prepared by his lawyers. W.W.G. (c)AudioFile, Portland, Maine --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Honest, transparent report of his life and what actually happened as he was thrown under the bus by the system he served as requested. When I tried to purchase books written by Oliver North in Albuquerque, I found only one that was worn and hugely discounted at Barnes and Noble. When I asked about other works by Oliver North, the clerk responded, "He's not very popular around these parts." It seems that North's clear honesty and transparent reporting in this book of his own feelings and actual events is what people don't want to hear. With so many politicians getting elected with promises like "transparency" and what they will do about certain issues, then after getting elected just going about politics as usual - not regarding even a single word of their campaign promises - people don't seem to want to hear the honest reflection in this book on the administration and presidency of one of our apparently favorite presidents of all time. It seems much easier to hide our heads in the sand than face the reality of what our national politicians are like. Read this book and open your eyes to what is happening in our nation at even greater frequency - especially with the current administration, now astonishingly twice elected by gullible, willingly blind lapdogs of his political rhetoric. So, it's no wonder unvarnished truth found in this work and other works by Oliver North are "...not very popular around these parts." Buy this book; read it with an open mind to honest reflection and events as they actually happened.

The best of my generation, Oliver North, Lt. Col. USMC, (retired), came through the fiercest tests faced by the children of the Greatest Generation still holding aloft the battle borne flag of the greatest republic for which it stands. He continues diligently to serve his country with great courage and faith. UNDER FIRE exposes the rot of political party betrayal that seems to have outpaced the fresh growth of freedom loving Americans. Read this memoir if you are looking for the way of thinking that served to build a nation. It is a bulwark against the wicked deception that has crept into every government function feeding off the body politic today.

EXCELLENT BOOK.

Col North has accurate recollection of the incidents in his busy life . This, coupled with the fact that our Lord saved him during combat and clandestine activities on behalf of getting freedom for oppressed people make the story of his life good reading.

One of the best books I've ever read. If you want to understand foreign policy in the 1980's, read this book. North is smart - very smart, and he writes well. Whether or not you agree with him, you will learn a tremendous amount from this book. One of the best non-fiction books I've ever read.

Excellent reading, People need to read non-fiction to learn some the truths about our country, and Under Fire covers some of our countries down falls.. Perhaps by reading this book may help us save the U.S. as we know it, I do believe it can help educate people on how to vote rather than by persuasion and manipulation.. Oliver North is a true American hero, and that is that!!..Washington has to do what we tell them rather than do what the corporate puppeteers and puppet masters tell them!!..Clif VialNome, Alaska

Under Fire is a fantastic, straight-forward version of historical events that is hard to refute. So much is glazed over by "common knowledge" purported by the media, that needs to be understood for history's sake. Those that don't learn from history are...

This book is a good, detailed, account of the people and events of the time. A bit long and involved, but any historical event like Iran/Contra is complicated. Quite accurate, to the best of my recollection, it's a good good read for anyone interested in history and government and will jog the memories of anyone who lived through that era.

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