



Ghost Riders of Baghdad: Soldiers, Civilians, and the Myth of the Surge

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University Press of New England. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Ghost Riders of Baghdad: Soldiers, Civilians, and the Myth of the Surge, Daniel A. Sjursen, From October 2006 to December 2007, Daniel A. Sjursen - then a U.S. Army lieutenant - led a light scout platoon across Baghdad. The experiences of Ghost Rider platoon provide a soldier's-eye view of the incredible complexities of warfare, peacekeeping, and counterinsurgency in one of the world's most ancient cities. Sjursen reflects broadly and critically on the prevailing narrative of the surge as savior of America's longest war, on the overall military strategy in Iraq, and on U.S. relations with ordinary Iraqis. And at a time when just a handful of U.S. senators and representatives have a family member in combat, Sjursen writes movingly on questions of America's patterns of national service. Who now serves and why? What connection does America's professional army have to the broader society and culture? What is the price we pay for abandoning the model of the citizen soldier? With the bloody emergence of ISIS in 2014, Iraq and its beleaguered, battle-scarred people are again much in the news. Unlike other books on the U.S. war in Iraq, Ghost...



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