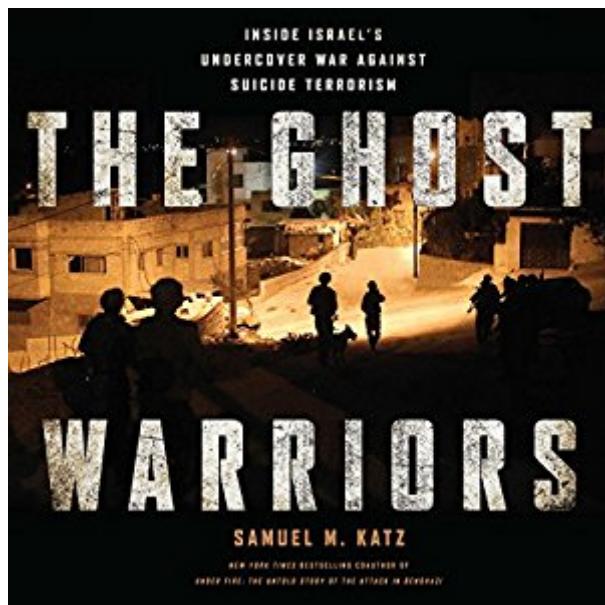


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# The Ghost Warriors: Inside Israel's Undercover War Against Suicide Terrorism



## **Synopsis**

It was the deadliest terror campaign ever mounted against a nation in modern times: the al-Aqsa, or Second, Intifada. This is the untold story of how Israel fought back with an elite force of undercover operatives drawn from the nation's diverse backgrounds and ethnicities - and united in their ability to walk among the enemy as no one else dared. Beginning in late 2000, as black smoke rose from burning tires and rioters threw rocks in the streets, Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Arafat's Palestinian Authority embarked on a strategy of sending their terrorists to slip undetected into Israel's towns and cities to set the country ablaze, unleashing suicide attacks at bus stops, discos, pizzerias - wherever people gathered. But Israel fielded some of the most capable and cunning special operations forces in the world. The Ya'mas, Israel National Police Border Guard undercover counterterrorist special operations units, became Israel's eyes-on-target response. Launched on intelligence provided by the Shin Bet, indigenous Arabic-speaking Dovrim, or "Speakers", operating in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza infiltrated the treacherous confines where the terrorists lived hidden in plain sight and set the stage for the intrepid tactical specialists who often found themselves under fire and outnumbered in their effort to apprehend those responsible for the carnage inside Israel. This is their compelling true story: a tale of daring and deception that could happen only in the powder keg of the modern Middle East.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Ghost Warriors by Samuel Katz is a unique and fascinating look into the elite undercover counter

terrorism unit of Israel's border guard the Yamas. Throughout his novel Katz successfully petitions the Yamas as one of if not the most successful Israeli counter terrorist unit in dealing with terrorism in and surrounding Israel. In contrast to some of its Israeli counterparts, the Yamas is presented as a precise scalpel that can quickly and efficiently deal with high level terrorist targets. Its undercover operations, similar in some ways to the IDF's Duvdevan unit, are ambitious, ballsy, and are often launched with minimal backup into areas controlled by deadly terrorist groups such as Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, and Al Asqa Martyrs Brigade. The book is focused on each of the three Yamas units located in the West Bank, Jerusalem, and Gaza, and provides insight into their history, development, and their most important operations focusing on the hunt for high value terrorist targets and the suicide bomber cells they control during the late 80s, 90s and the second intifada from 2000 to 2008. The book also indirectly helps to pinpoint how Israel uses its top tier counter terrorism units. Such prestigious units as the IDF's Sayeret Matkal, Sayeret Duvdevan, Shayetet (flotilla) 13, recon units Maglan and Egoz, as well as the Border Guards Yamam are all described as taking part in an unprecedented level of counter terrorism operations with each unit competing for assignments.

The Ghost Warriors is a remarkable bookâ "remarkable by the insight that it provides into how Israel has dealt with terrorism for decades and remarkable in its nail-biting detail bringing the reader up-close-and-personal into the trenches of operations deep behind terrorist lines. Most of all, considering the Westâ ™s current struggle against ISIS, The Ghost Warriors is a remarkable book in its timelinessâ "this is a book that describes how a Western democracy can not only absorb a full-scale fanatical terrorist offensive, but defeat it, as well. The key to this effort is guile, tactical force, and a small cadre of men who can infiltrate terrorist-held strongholds using every trick in the book. The Ghost Warriors profiles Israelâ ™s undercover unitsâ "commandos who speak Arabic and can masquerade themselves off as local Palestinians in order to move about Palestinian areas unnoticed allowing them to get up close and personal to the men they target. Itâ ™s dangerous work, work requiring a spyâ ™s patience, and a detectiveâ ™s sixth sense, tactical prowess and most of all huge COJONES. The undercover units featured in the book are known as the Yaâ ™mas and belong to the para-military arm of the Israel National Police. The book follows the men, and some amazing characters worthy of a full-fledged Hollywood-treatment, from the three police unitsâ "one responsible for the West Bank, one responsible for Jerusalem, and one responsible for the Gaza Stripâ "that fought back an endless onslaught of suicide bombers during the al-Aqsa intifada. Over 1,000 Israeli civilians were killed in this war, a remarkable number

considering that Israel's population consists of only seven million people.

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