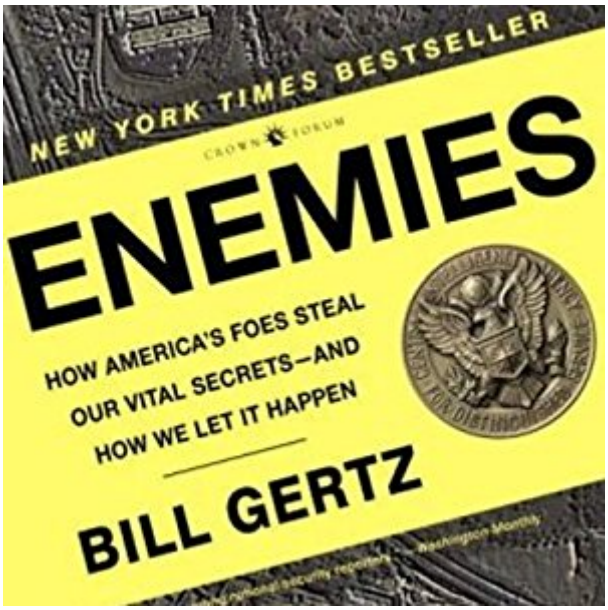
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Synopsis

ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s the great untold story of the war on terror.Taking advantage of gaping holes in AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s defenses, terrorist organizations and enemy nations like Communist China, North Korea, Russia, and CubaÃ¢â ¬â •not to mention some so-called friendsÃ¢â ¬â •are infiltrating the U.S. government to steal our most vital secrets and use them against us. And most astonishing of all, our leaders are letting it happen. In the explosive new book Enemies, acclaimed investigative reporter Bill Gertz uncovers the truth about this grave threat to our national security and AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s harrowing failures to address the danger. GertzÃ¢â ¬â„¢s unrivaled access to the U.S. intelligence and defense communities allows him to tell the whole shocking story, based on previously unpublished classified documents and dozens of exclusive interviews with senior government and intelligence officials. He takes us deep inside the dark world of intelligence and counterintelligenceÃ¢â ¬â •a world filled with lies and betrayal, spies sleeping with enemy spies, and moles burrowing within the FBI, the CIA, the Pentagon, and even the White House.Enemies stunningly reveals:Ã¢â ¬Â¢ The untold story of one of the most damaging enemy spy penetrations in U.S. historyÃ¢â ¬â •and how the FBI bungled the investigationÃ¢â ¬Â¢ How Communist ChinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s intelligence and influence operations may have reached the highest levels of the U.S. governmentÃ¢â ¬Â¢ Why Russia has as many spies in America today as it did at the height of the Cold WarÃ¢â ¬Â¢ How al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups use official identification, uniforms, and vehicles to infiltrate secure areas and carry out attacks Ã¢â ¬Â¢ How some thirty-five terrorist groups are targeting the United States through espionageÃ¢â ¬Â¢ A startling account of the many enemy spies the U.S. has let get awayÃ¢â ¬Â¢ How a Cuban mole operated high up in the Pentagon for sixteen yearsÃ¢â ¬Â¢ The gross ineptness that led U.S. officials to hound an innocent man while the real mole operated right under their nosesÃ¢â ¬Â¢ Why aggressive counterintelligence represents the only real defense against terrorists and enemy spiesÃ¢â ¬â •and why the U.S. intelligence bureaucracy resists itDelivering the kind of shocking new information that led Washington Monthly magazine to declare him Ã¢â ¬Å“legendary among national security reporters,Ã¢â ¬Â• Bill Gertz opens our eyes as never before to deadly threats and counterintelligence failures that place every American at risk.AmericaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s enemies, including terrorist organizations, are stealing our most vital secrets to use against usÃ¢â ¬â •and the U.S. government makes it shockingly easy for them to do so. Filled with headline-making revelations from acclaimed reporter Bill Gertz, Enemies reveals the frightening untold story of the War on Terror.Also available as an eBook --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

In his crisply written, well researched style Gertz hits another homerun with Enemies. Like a scientist looking at an iceberg Gertz has the contacts and skills to investigate the 80% that's hidden from the public, either through spin control or the bias of the press.Gertz weaves together the threads of the fabric that China uses to blind the American public to the threat while it exerts far too much control over Washington with a combination of agents of influence, spys and those willing to look the other way when the Chicom campaign contributions come rolling in.The follies of the FBI also play a large role in the book as Gertz unravels the bungled investigations and prosecutions which allowed so many spies to go free or with just a slap on the wrist. The bizzare goings on in the FBI's ranks where two senior agents are sleeping with a Chinese agent and feeding her information on other investigations. The belief inside the FBI that the mole must be in the CIA when it was really one of the FBI agents. The tragic loss of material from our nuclear labs.This is a great but not pleasant read. Sadly thousands of our sons and daughters are likely to die as the result of the failure to recognize China as a major military threat with expansionist goals.HIGHLY RECOMMENDEDNote - The one star reviews are mostly by one review posters who do not appear to have read to book or perhaps posting from somewhere in the far east.

Gertz took a critical issue and turns it into a litany of anecdotal stories about people who betray the trust their government put in them. Yes, there are spies in our government and something needs to

be done with them. But Gertz is short on answers other than blaming the political correctness crowd and liberal democrats. Although they are deserving of much of the blame they are not the only ones guilty of the gaps in our counter-espionage efforts.One thing that really jumped out at me is his choice of sources. One individual -- whose name escapes me as I do not have the book in front of me -- is a counter-espionage expert at the FBI who is described in several chapters as part of the problem in terms of covering for people who probably do not deserve cover and is then cited as an expert in other chapters. Which is it Bill? Either this source is part of the problem or part of the solution?All in all, the book was big on rehashing stories of spies within the government but short on solutions.

This book brings to light the extent our enemies will go to get information they want. It also tells how often international agreements on arms and nuclear material are violated for money. While the United States has to try to work with many nations to broker some form of peace, the book shows there is no Nation we can fully trust. A good read for anyone interested in espionage and counterintelligence.

Bill Gertz lays out the total failure of the entire US Government to properly protect our vital national secrets and exposes the repeated bungling of counterintelligence operations and investigations. If this book doesn’t make your blood boil than you are either the enemy or part of the problem in the USG.

The title should be "The Enemy Within" as we seem to be our own worse enemy.The priority always seemed to be telling the powers to be what they wanted to hear in order to preserve job security and personal career growth.If we continue to keep the "head in the sand" attitude we will be in real trouble.I urge anyone who works for a defense contractor or a government agency to read this book.Dave CNashua , NH

It will never happen, of course. Real investigative reporters who don’t disguise their love and concern for the United States, folks like Bill Gertz and Bill Sammon will never gain the respect and votes of the Pulitzer Prize committee. They preserve their votes for people like Walter Duranty, who denied there was famine in the Ukraine and won a Lenin Prize in addition to his Pulitzer. Gertz is concerned for America’s safety. As he puts it "[u]ntil we fix the gaping holes in our defenses, America will remain highly vulnerable to our enemies." And after reading this book, if you weren’t

already worried, you will be. Anyone who has visited a government office, whether to renew their driver's license, pay their property taxes, mail a package or whatever, knows that governments do not hire the cream of the crop. What happens when second, third and fourth rate people are hired by the CIA, the FBI and other security agencies? Uh, you get second, third or fourth rate performance in situations where the stakes are very, very high: like the preservation of the nation's secrets. Gertz details scandals resulting from the incompetence of the CIA and FBI. A Chinese woman has two lovers, both FBI agents. She's one of their prized informants - and a spy for the Chinese government. The investigation of her is muddled and she walks. The FBI spends years persecuting a CIA agent suspected of being a spy. They have no real evidence, but the harassment is non-stop. Their big clue is the CIA employee's proximity to a partiular park. After three years, after a KGB defector is paid $7 million for information, the FBI learns that the spy indeed lives near the park in question: his name is Robert Hanssen, an FBI agent who has spied for the Soviets for years. Gertz points out that literally every nation is spying on the United States - and that our agencies are horribly grossly incompetent to detect the spies and catch them. This is a frightening book, but one that every concerned American should read.Jerry

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