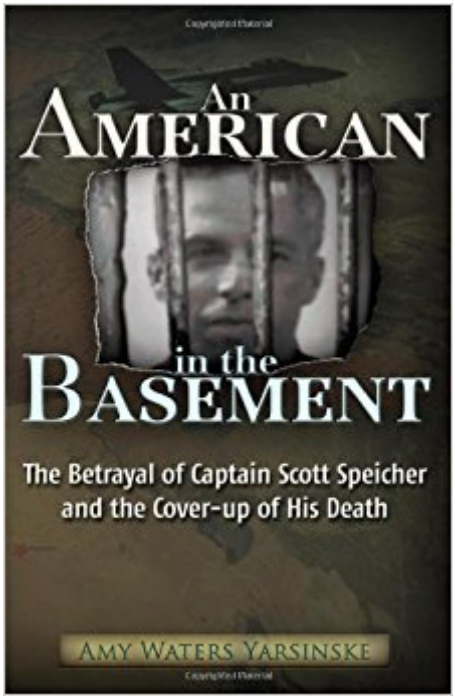
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Synopsis

Winner of:General Non-Fiction, 2014 Next Generation Indie Book Awards The incredible story of denial, deceit, and deception that ultimately cost Navy pilot Captain Michael Scott Speicher his life is exposed in this military tell-all. Asserting that years of information has been intentionally kept from an American public, the book reveals that, contrary to reports, Speicher survived after he ejected from his stricken F/A-18 Hornet on the first night of the Persian Gulf War. Protected by a Bedouin tribal group, he evaded SaddamÃ¢â ¬â„¢s capture for nearly four years. In that time he was repeatedly promised by an American intelligence asset that a deal for his repatriation would be worked out but it never was. Speicher was left behind. After Saddam Hussein captured him, Speicher spent the next eight years in a secret Baghdad prison and being moved around in secret to avoid an American task force looking for him, and before he was killed after the United States invaded Iraq in March 2003. Author Amy Waters Yarsinske, a former naval intelligence officer and a veteran investigator and author, presents her fascinating case after years of research.

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Amy Waters Yarsinske is the author of numerous nonfiction books, including Lost Virginia Beach and No One Left Behind: The Lt. Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher Story. She is a former Philip Francis du Pont Fellow at the University of Virginia School of Architecture and has appeared as a guest commentator for international and national television networks and radio markets. She lives in Norfolk, Virginia.

Having read the author's first book about Capt. Speicher "No One Left Behind", while deployed to Iraq in 2003, I have always been fascinated with this story. This book is a must read for anyone who loves our military and has ever served in the Armed Forces. The story is gut wrenching and fascinating. How the U.S. Government left Capt. Speicher behind I'll never understand. This brave man served his country and should be remembered as a hero for surviving as long as he did while in captivity.

Every American should read this book. I am a retired Naval Officer and had no clue what happened to Scott until I read this book. His story absolutely breaks my heart. I love my country, I loathe my government over this!

An in depth and heart wrenching story of one of our own that we left behind. This book covers in great detail the story of "Spike's" shoot down and the tragic events that led to his abandonment, not only after his initial shoot down but over the course of several presidential administrations, and the botched opportunities along the way that might have brought him home. In reinforcing the facts, this author did a great deal of homework, bringing to light instances where other servicemen were left behind during America's conflicts. In detailing what went wrong, she has hopefully paved the way for this type of injustice to never happen again.

the ultimate betrayal indeed- 100% solid research...made me cry, as a major in the military I never

did believe the "never leave anyone behind" BS! seen it first hand I&p Charles.

Amy Waters Yarsinske is the utmost authority on the Speicher case. Her experience in Naval Intelligence, insightful interviews and meticulous research makes this book a valuable addition to what every American should know not only what happened to Michael Scott Speicher but how the military and civilian "suits" doomed him to his fate. She knows, speaks and understands the Navy's language and explains the technical terms so even the uninitiated reader will understand. The title doesn't tell it all. The tragic story of Captain Speicher is the centerpiece but Ms. Yarsinske covers the history of our government's abandonment of our missing from last century to today's wars in the Gulf. This timely book comes when major scandals have engulfed the government and shows that denial and deceit are not trademarks of the present administration alone. Her research into the history of our missing men and women shows that the issue far exceeds in scope the combined scandals of today. More than a must read especially for those contemplating a military career.

Very sad story of the Last POW abandoned by the USA yes we leave many men behind and have been since WW1, Very well written.

This historical presentation details the experiences of an American lost because of our own political intrigues and lack of moral substance by our own political leaders.

Ms. Yarsinski's remarkably well documented and researched investigation into the fate of Captain Scott Speicher leaves no doubt he lived in captivity for more than a decade after our government wrote him off as dead. Also contains great insight into Russia and China's roll in abandoned American Prisoners of War. This book really connects the dots. A must read.

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