

Gothic Serpent: Black Hawk Down - The Mogadishu Raid of 1993



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The Mission

On October 3, 1993, a team of American soldiers from Delta Force and the Rangers were sent on a mission to capture two top lieutenants of Somali warlord Mohamed Farah Aidid. The mission, codenamed Gothic Serpent, was intended to be a quick and surgical strike, but it quickly turned into a bloody and chaotic battle.

The Americans were outnumbered and outgunned by the Somali militia, and they soon found themselves trapped in a hostile city. Eighteen American soldiers were killed in the battle, and another 73 were wounded. One Black Hawk helicopter was shot down, and another was damaged so badly that it had to be abandoned.

The Battle of Mogadishu, as it became known, was a major turning point in the American intervention in Somalia. It led to the withdrawal of American troops from the country and the collapse of the United Nations peacekeeping mission.

The Book

Gothic Serpent: Black Hawk Down is a gripping account of the Battle of Mogadishu. The book is based on extensive interviews with the soldiers who fought in the battle, as well as on official documents and other sources.

The book tells the story of the brave men who fought in this intense battle, and the lessons learned from this fateful day. It is a powerful and moving account of heroism, tragedy, and the human cost of war.

The Author

Mark Bowden is an American journalist and author. He is a former staff writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer and The Washington Post. He has written several books on military history, including *Black Hawk Down*, *Killing Pablo*, and *Hue 1968*.

Bowden's books have been praised for their accuracy, objectivity, and readability. He is considered one of the leading writers on military history today.

Reviews

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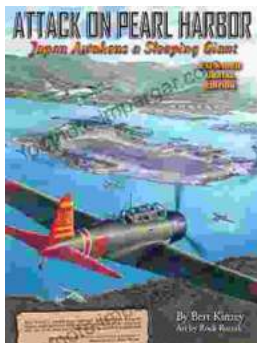
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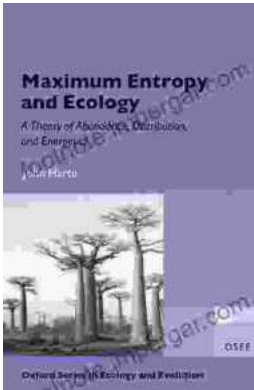
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