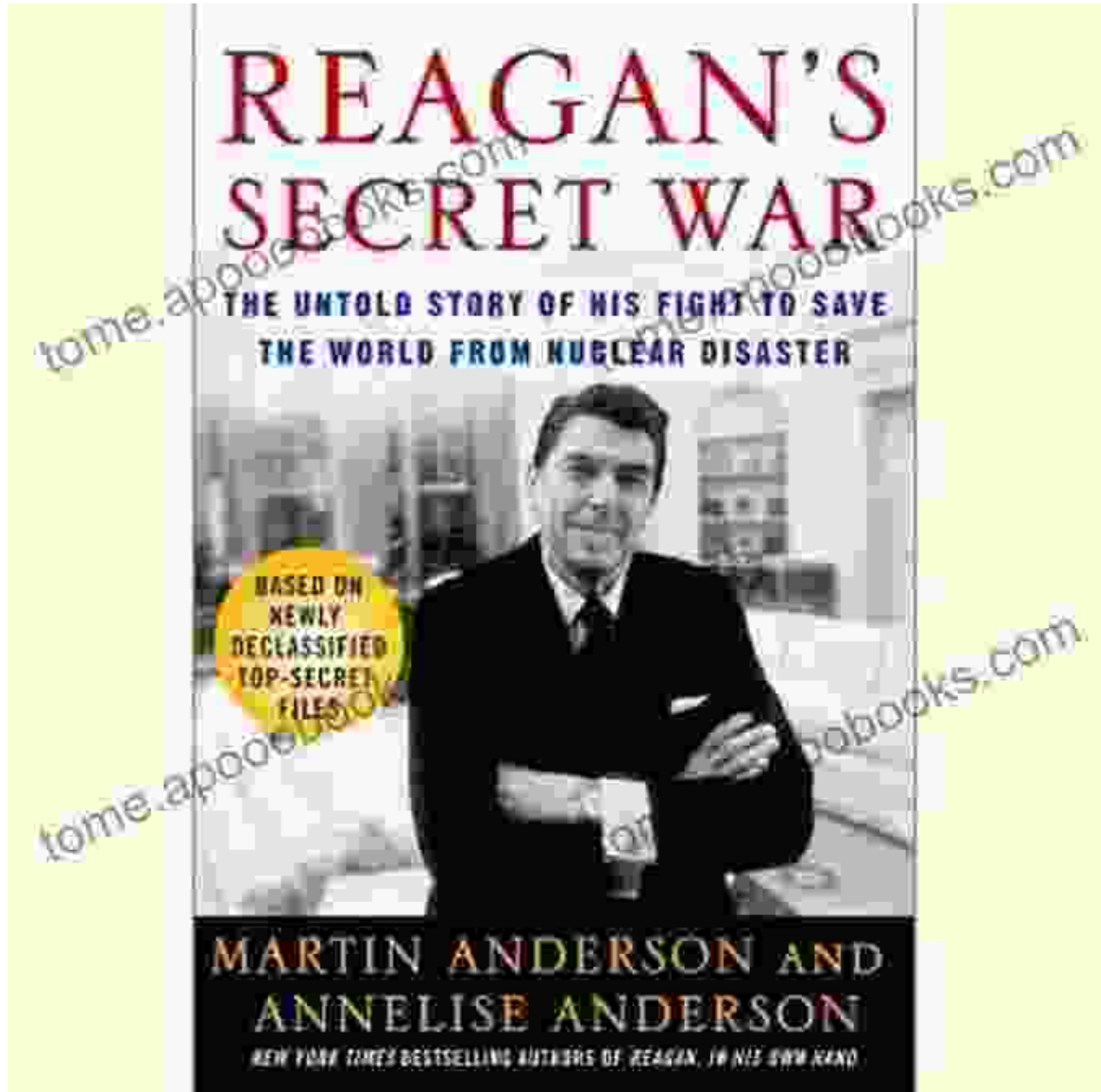


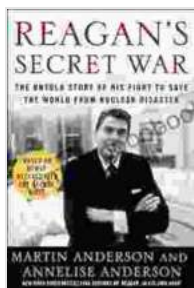
Unveiling Reagan's Covert Operations: Reagan's Secret War



: The Hidden Agenda

As the world grappled with the Cold War's ideological struggle, behind closed doors, President Ronald Reagan waged a covert war—a

clandestine campaign that would shape the course of global events. Craig Unger's groundbreaking book, "Reagan's Secret War," exposes the hidden operations and controversial tactics employed by the Reagan administration.



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Chapter 1: The Architects of Covert Action

The book introduces the key players behind Reagan's secret war: William Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, and Colonel Oliver North, a National Security Council aide. Casey, a former Wall Street lawyer, believed in using covert operations to advance American interests, no matter the ethical or legal implications. North, a Marine Corps officer, would later become the mastermind behind the Iran-Contra affair.

Chapter 2: The Contras: A Proxy War in Nicaragua

One of the most controversial aspects of Reagan's secret war was its support for the Contras, anti-communist rebels fighting against the Sandinista government in Nicaragua. Reagan authorized the CIA to provide

covert funding and weaponry to the Contras, despite congressional opposition. The war, which lasted several years, resulted in thousands of deaths and accusations of human rights abuses.

Chapter 3: Arms for Hostages: The Iran-Contra Affair

In 1985, Reagan authorized the sale of arms to Iran in exchange for the release of American hostages held by Hezbollah. The proceeds from the arms sales were then diverted to the Contras, violating congressional restrictions on funding. The scandal, known as the Iran-Contra affair, ultimately led to the indictment of Reagan's National Security Advisor, John Poindexter, and Colonel North.

Chapter 4: The War in Afghanistan: Supporting the Mujahideen

Reagan also played a pivotal role in the Soviet-Afghan War, supporting the mujahideen fighters against the Soviet Union. The CIA provided training and weaponry to the Afghan rebels, and Reagan's administration played a significant part in the eventual Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan. However, the war's legacy would have far-reaching consequences, including the rise of the Taliban.

Chapter 5: The Bombing of Libya: A Show of Force

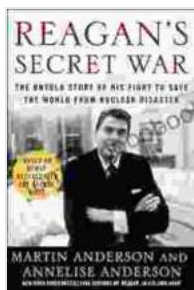
In 1986, Reagan authorized the bombing of Libya in retaliation for the terrorist attacks on American soldiers in Germany. The airstrikes, which were carried out by U.S. bombers, were intended to send a clear message to Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi. However, the bombing also raised questions about the legality of military action without congressional authorization.

Chapter 6: The Legacy of Reagan's Secret War

Craig Unger examines the long-term consequences of Reagan's covert operations. While some argue that they helped undermine Soviet influence globally, others contend that they also resulted in human rights abuses, instability, and the funding of organizations that would later pose threats to the United States.

: The Hidden History Unveiled

"Reagan's Secret War" is a gripping and thought-provoking account of the covert operations undertaken by the Reagan administration. Craig Unger's meticulous research and compelling narrative shed new light on a pivotal period in American history, revealing the hidden agenda that shaped the course of global events. The book remains a must-read for anyone interested in the complexities of international relations and the often-contradictory nature of national security policy.



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