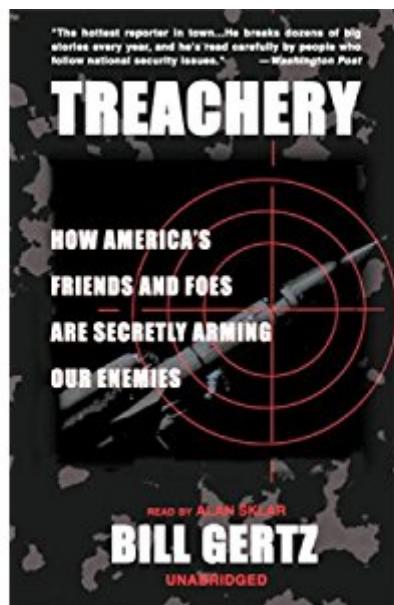


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Treachery: How America's Friends And Foes Are Secretly Arming Our Enemies



Synopsis

In his explosive new book, New York Times best-selling author Bill Gertz uncovers the most significant threat to U.S. national security today: America's enemies, including radical terrorist groups, are arming themselves with the world's most dangerous weapons. And they're doing it with the help of America's supposed allies. Worst of all, the United States has let it happen. Using his unparalleled access to the U.S. intelligence and defense communities, Gertz names names, revealing which of our "friends" have placed greed over principle to make America's enemies far more deadly and the world a far more dangerous place. In Treachery, Gertz tells the whole story, complete with previously unpublished classified intelligence documents, based on dozens of exclusive interviews with senior U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

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Customer Reviews

I just picked up this book yesterday after reading about it on the Drudge Report, and I'm blown away by what Bill Gertz has uncovered. It's truly shocking what the French and Germans (and many others) have gotten away with, and how they've been willing to arm basically anyone who has enough cash to buy weapons. Even more frightening is Iran, which has announced publicly that it is pursuing nuclear weapons. Well, as Gertz reveals, the Iranians are much further along than many people have suspected. The tales of the intelligence failures on this and other matters are jaw-dropping. I have to say, I'm a little puzzled by the comments of the previous reviewers who immediately attacked the book for omitting the role that the U.S. has played in arming dangerous regimes. It seems they haven't actually read the book, because Gertz devotes a whole chapter to

the United States. We did in fact make some serious mistakes in arming Saddam, as Gertz shows, but he also makes a very convincing case that much more damaging were our lax security efforts, which allowed our enemies to steal our military secrets. Just read the book, and you'll see that Gertz is the real deal.

First of all, Bill Gertz is a master at the art of gumshoe reporting. The extent of his research is boggling and I celebrate the totality of his indexing in this book. (I like books with good indexes) His personal interviews combined with hours of digging through mundane documents of bureaucracy have certainly paid off. If any government wanted to both compile and analyze the details Gertz did, how many committees and sub-committees would have had to be assembled? His documentation on China supplying weapons to al Qaeda after the September 11, 2001 is no less than maddening. What have those weapons been used for? Were they used by al Qaeda assisted terrorists in Beslan? Russia and France don't come out looking any better in their cooperation with Saddam Hussein after the 2003 Iraq war broke out. Huh, no wonder they were comfortable with the UN status quo. Gertz absolutely shames the UN in their exploitation of the "oil for food" program. Make sure you have a bottle of antacid handy before getting too deep into this - otherwise a person could end up burning a hole through their esophagus. His conclusions were a little simplistic and pretty obvious. He suggests we need 1. good reliable intelligence 2. the ability to execute quickly on that information 3. cooperation from allies. Much of Gertz work suggests international alliances are to be pursued with great care. Or, at a minimum, pursuing trusting relationships with some countries may be downright foolish. Trust takes time to rebuild. It's true in personal relationships. It's true with international ones as well.

This book is a must read. Find out how France and Russia helped Saddam Hussein. Read about the hypocrisy of the French and how French supplied missiles and nuclear weapons were found in Baghda. Must reading for all Americans. Find out how our "friends" and foes have been secretly helping the enemy.

I obtained an advanced copy of this book, and I was so enthralled, I read it straight through. The subtle intensity of the story wouldn't let me put it down. It was aptly detailed and really made me think about the way the government is running things. The author clearly seems to have incredible sources and contacts, and I am frankly all the more knowledgeable because I have read it. As a reporter myself, I have been starved for an intelligent political book such as this one. I don't want to

give away any details, but I would HIGHLY Recommend this book for those interested in the real deal behind America's National Security.

Zut Alors! Nothing new here about the French. That country has been friends with the US only when they had a vested interest served in doing so. The French have typically done this, going all the way back to the American Revolution and the Barbary Coast (once helping, once hamstringing US efforts). That Gertz reveals the venal nature of Chirac and his crony-ocracy as involved in thwarting the UN sanctions and attempting to avert US military action should surprise no one. It is surprising that Gertz leads off his book with the French and then the less offensive Germans before dealing with the Russians and the Chinese. The documents at the back of the book show these countries to be friends of the civilized world in name only. Saddam's army was found to have 12 million Russian items, 377K Chinese items and only 115k from France. Many of these items arrived after the UN sanctions were in place and were purchased with funds pilfered from the oil for food program run by Annan and the UN. Gertz's salient assertion is that the biggest struggle is still ahead as we demilitarize those that would subvert freedom for personal gain. Hopefully after Beslan, the Russians have begun to change course and restrict arms and technology transfers to despots with petro-dollars to spend. Hopefully the Chinese are also reassessing their support of the DPRK as they tumble like a rabid puppy into the anti-proliferation spotlight. Unfortunately, it seems these autocratic governments are but a financial crisis away from dumping modern armaments and technology at the feet of the highest bidder.

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