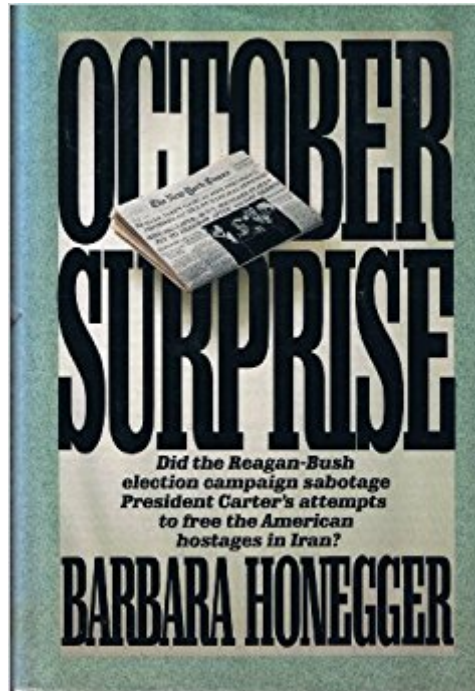




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The first shipment of this book did not end up making it to me for some reason. The seller got right on it and immediately sent me another copy. I was very satisfied, and when I'm ready to order again, I'll try to go through him first! Kudos!

great book

This proves to me that failing to learn from our mistakes means we repeat them over and over. It's not a good strategy for the long run!

The seems as well researched as circumstances permit. It doesn't read like a novel, but that isn't to be expected.

When I share what is in these pages with people, they shake their heads... "No It Is Not Possible..." The do not want to believe that any democratically elected government, especially not our own, could be so callous, so driven by political desires, that with malice they did bring down the

re-election of one president in favor of another regime, but it is all here in these pages. It is here that we see how these people put themselves before the hostages being held in Iran. How they jeopardized not only their freedom, but delayed their release for the sake of political gain. Unconscionable behavior hidden from the public. They lied, Denied, and sanitized all of this making heroes out of villains and political gain from intolerable behavior. If this were fiction, it would be a blockbuster movie, but it is truth and as such should be news, but it remains hidden except for these pages. Read them and know the truth.

October Surprise, Barbara Honegger Barbara Honegger joined the policy research team of the Reagan-Bush campaign, then worked as a Research and Policy Analyst. This 1989 book tells about the conspiracy to win the presidency by preventing an early release of the Americans held hostage in Iran. The Reagan administration believed it was more important than the Constitution ('Introduction'). They had contempt for the electorate. She resigned in 1983 and did the research for this book. Some of the witnesses used in this book are not sterling characters. Those who denied the "October Surprise" story are flawed deceivers (p.3). It explains the timing of the release of the hostages and why the Reagan-Bush administration sent arms to the Iranians since 1981 (p.4) even when there were no hostages. Some people who knew of the of the pre-1980 negotiations died mysteriously (p.5). This books lacks an Index to the many names in it. The Reagan-Bush team was afraid of an "October surprise" where President Carter would gain the release of US hostages held captive before the election. They worked against this (Chapter 1). The Iranians were considering a release (p.8) but not to Carter (p.17). A false story was created to possibly delay the release of hostages (p.37). This no-win situation is explained (p.39). White House secretaries may have leaked debate materials (p.46). Chapter 2 tells about the changes in Iranian policy; did they get a better deal from Reagan (p.57)? Yes (p.59). The bomb on Pan Am flight 103 was originally linked to Iranians in retaliation for shooting down an Iranian civilian airbus (pp.116-117). If Carter tried for a hostage release was he outbid (p.141)? Massive quantities of US arms and spare parts had been shipped to Iran as soon as Reagan and Bush were in the White House (Chapter 6). Israel shipped military equipment to Iran because they were at war with Iraq (p.157). It also meant getting oil from Iran (p.158). Where did the Reagan-Bush administration get American weapons and spare parts worth billions of dollars (Chapter 7)? By taking them from US military storage depots in Europe (p.172). There was an advantage to this (p.182). It was illegal to send American weapons to Iran (Chapter 8). But this was done (p.188)! Those who reported the losses were threatened or killed (p.192). Or ignored (p.193). France also sold arms to Iran (p.203) as well as Italy (p.210). Was the

assassination of Olof Palme linked to arms sales to Iran (p.217)? Other countries sold arms for oil or heroin (pp.220-222). Chapter 9 tells about the links between right-wing politicians and organized crime to sell arms to Iran. The broadcast media, particularly network television, censored this news (Chapter 10). [Isn't TV just entertainment?] Examples are given (ABC radio covered this story but not ABC TV). The 'Washington Post' distorted her story (pp.254-255). She was rejected by the 'Larry King Show' (p.256)! Reagan authorized psychological warfare against the American public (p.262)! The Iranians supported Bush against Dukakis (p.267)! Candidate Dukakis ignored this scandal (p.271). [Do you wonder if presidential contests can be rigged?] There is a story about Dan Quayle (p.272). Reagan signed a "license to kill" as part of counter-terrorism ('Epilog'). Note what happened to those who were involved with, or knew about, the secret negotiations between the Iranians and the Reagan-Bush team. Some died of violence, attempted assassination, or murder. Some were US citizens, others were not. Just a coincidence?

I had the opportunity to interview a Texas Presbyterian minister whose son died in Houston, Texas on December 10th, 2000 near Ellington Field and only a few miles from the Bin Laden-owned Houston Gulf Manor Airport that was razed after 911. The Bin Laden family's favorite architect, Minoru Yamasaki, had built the World Trade Center as a model of Mecca in Manhattan as well as the infamous Pruitt-Igoe building in St. Louis Missouri, but the Bin Ladens fled the country unabated by the FBI after 911. The pastor's son had the same name as the son of Marion Carr Knox who had typed GWB's Texas Air National Guard memos in 1972, had worked with Dan Rather's niece in her company in Austin and his uncle was the fishing partner of William Edward King the business partner of James R. Bath in Southwest Airport Services, GWB's Guard roommate, whose company provided the jet fuel for the CIA-linked Ellington Field near the Bin Laden airport, Houston Gulf Manor, now a Tuscan-style home development. King, the former mayor of Kemah, Texas, an attorney in Houston's Bracewell & Giuliani law firm was a 2015 mayoral candidate for the City of Houston who wrote a book from his stories submitted to the Houston Chronicle and edited by Lucy Herring Chambers of Bright Sky Publishing. Southwest Airport Services was bought by Landmark Aviation Services with its ties to the Carlyle Group and a Dubai company with a history of secret renditioning. Ms. Honnegger's story is TOTALLY believable when seen in context. Eight years after the October Surprise In 1988 Pan Am 103 went down over Lockerbie, Scotland. All on board killed including CIA agent, Matthew Gannon. Gannon, the son-in-law of Thomas Tweeton, the CIA Middle East Bureau Chief, was widely reported to be on his way to Washington to register his concerns that rank-and-file CIA agents did not have information on Al Qaeda in their files... important in as much

as the CIA had backed Al Qaeda in Afghanistan's fight against the Russians with weapons secured by the efforts of Texas' Rep. Charlie Wilson of Lufkin and Joanne Herring King of Houston whose husband Robert Herring's company, Houston Natural Gas, became Enron. Gannon was to have been accompanied on 103 by the FBI's head of counter-terrorism's son, also FBI, Oliver Revell, Jr.. Oliver changed his flight plans. Tragedy would not escape his family, however. On the night of December 11, 2000, the night after the pastor's son was found burned to death in his car near Ellington Field at a site where witnesses saw a blue van come and go twice within the hour before the murder (the van matching the HPD crime van, but with three passenger in the front instead of only one as was the routine....a murder that the Harris County Medical Examiner's autopsy ruled a suicide, but was proved impossible by an independent investigation by the nations' top carbon monoxide poisoning expert, Dr. Penney of Wayne State University, who determined from engine carbon monoxide output retrieved from the recent emissions test that survived the fire, the size of auto compartment, size of the victim and widow of time from when he was last seen to the time of discovery) the HCME, under investigation at the time, was forced to face that investigation of its Medical Examiner, Dr. Joyce Carter, formerly the ME in Washington D.C., with Michael Bromwich, the leading prosecutor in the Iran-Contra hearings being imported to investigate Houston's ME problems. Bromwich was the fire waller who insured that the Iran-Contra convictions stopped with North, Poindexter, Weinberger and Abrams, whose plot moved excess funds from the sale of weapons to Iran for the war against Iraq being used to support the Contras in direct violation of U.S. neutrality laws would not lead to impeachment and/or imprisonment of Reagan or Bush. Two days before the US Supreme Court decided the Presidential election in Florida when anything derogatory about the Bush candidacy could have derailed the high court's decision, including information going as far back as the "October Surprise" of 1980 OR in 1988 the Gannon and Salem Bin Laden deaths in advance of the coming 1992 election, OR....in 1992 when the FINCEN investigation into Saudi influence peddling which was the exact subject of the 28 pages from the Official 911 Commission Report received a stand down order (FBI agent Brian Bruh being the FBI liaison to both New York City's Knapp or "Serpico Commission") and FINCEN, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the investigation looking into Saudi power peddling in the USA that had the business partner of James R. Bath and Bath's partner, both board members of BCCI or the Bank of Commerce and Credit International the leading money laundering bank for Iran -Contra, Khalid Bin Mahfouz, the Saudi royal banker in FINCEN's crosshairs. Had FINCEN been left in place to run efficiently with integrity it could have and should have netter the 911 hijackers long before 911. The nephew of the FBI agent who was to have flown on Pan Am 103 with Matt Gannon died in Dallas under equally

mysterious circumstances as the pastor's son who was killed near Ellington Field the night before. It was later learned that the nephew's father, son of the FBI's head of Counter-Terrorism and brother of the FBI agent who did not fly with Gannon, worked on high tech telemetry on US top-secret planes. In 1992 Presidential candidate H. Ross Perot, a member of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas near the church where the Presbyterian pastor's son's father had been the pastor of the FBI's head of counter-terrorism then reappointed to the Dallas FBI Agent In Charge, whose son missed 103, but whose grandson died on December 11, 2000, sent a team of investigators to interview in Missouri, Gunther Russbacher. Russbacher, the Austrian-born pilot of the SR-71 Blackbird who was reported to have made the Paris to Washington trip for the "October Surprise" so fast as to provide credible deniability. The rest of the story of the young man murdered in Houston on December 10, 2000 provides the glue that holds Honegger's witness to this sad chapter in U.S. foreign policy together like a titanium weld. Don't look for a reference in the Smithsonian's documentary "The Lockerie Bombing" to Matthew Gannon as a passenger on the flight. As important as that may be to understanding real history, Gannon's death is not there even though General David Petraeus spoke at Gannon's funeral after Lockerbie and noted it! Petraeus, of course, went on to become the Director of CIA. The Washington Post's Metro Editor, Vernon Loeb, the editor of the Pat Tillman and Jessica Lynch stories (with embellishments that provided a perfect example of what Noam Chomsky and others have called "manufacturing consent for war") and the co-author of Paula Broadwell's book ALL IN: THE EDUCATION OF GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS is now the Managing Editor of the Houston Chronicle while his boss at the Washington Post, Steve Coll, author of the book, The Bin Ladens, (conveniently missing the significance of Houston Gulf Manor and Minoru Yamasaki and the errant coverage by CBS's Lowell Bergman who falsely reported in 1988 that Salem bin Laden died not in an ultra light aircraft crash, but in the crash of his BAC-111 jet) became the Henry Luce Professor of Journalism New York City's Columbia University as Dean of the Journalism School while former New York City Mayor, Rudy Giuliani, has left his roll at William E. King's Bracewell & Giuliani to become a partner at the Washington DC law firm of the convicted K-Street lobbyist, Jack Abramoff. Recently Donald Trump has floated Giuliani's name for his Director of Homeland Security while NYFD firefighters were and are steeled in their argument that Giuliani botched both the pre and post governmental response to the 911 disaster as did Bernie Kerik, NYPD Police Commissioner, who was once advanced as GWB's first choice for Director of Homeland Security before Kerik was indicted for corruption and jailed after he returned from Iraq where he had worked in security in 2003, followed by Col. Theodore "Ted" Westhusing in 2005 who confronted General David Petraeus over private contractor corruption and where Westhusing, the

ethics professor from West Point, also died of an alleged suicide within four hours of his confrontation with Petraeus. What was missing from 911 coverage was clarity and resolve from the Fourth Estate...reporters and journalists with integrity. Did you hear that the Bin Laden's favorite architect, Yamasaki, had built the WTC? That it was built into a modern replica of Mecca in Manhattan? That among his accomplishments was St. Louis' Pruitt-Igoe project that was used as a Tuskegee-Like experiment for radiation poisoning on unsuspecting citizens before it was demolished by the same controlled demolition company that finished the demo of the WTC, but way back in 1972 using thermite that was invented in the 1890's? Dr. Lisa Martino-Taylor's lengthy open-source PhD dissertation on Pruitt-Igoe was briefly mentioned in the mainline media and dropped. Were we shown Yamasaki's remarkable "Beaver Building" that shows the structural integrity of a high rise building's central column that thousands of architects and engineers have now told us should have survived the jet crashes into the WTC? Oddly, it was at Texas A&M University, home of the GHWB Presidential Library where this lesson was cruelly learned by members of the Texas A&M student body in a bonfire collapse (no steel central core), but A&M is also home to the Mosher Institute of Defense Studies headed by Frank Vandiver, the Mosher Institute named for Edward Mosher whose Mosher Steel supplied thirteen thousand tons of steel for the WTC's, 126,000,000 pound for the critical first nine floors and A&M is also home to GWB's chief economic counsel, Dr. Morgan Reynolds, who resigned his position shortly after 911, about the time that Frank Vandiver was writing the book HOW AMERICANS GO TO WAR, with Reynold not shy about the reasons why. How do Americans go to war? Presumably for the same reason Carter lost in 1980....SURPRISE!.....because we are bamboozled into action being the slovenly, non-engaged dullards that had Allan Dulles saying "Americans don't read." Honegger's book is, as I have said, TOTALLY believable and it opens a window between our oft misguided utopian ideals and our harsher realism. Things aren't what they appear on the surface and until you scratch the surface as Honegger has done by being in the trenches, you can't really know what you're talking about. It's like trying to describe Yellowstone Park from the front gate. Honegger went in, camped out and took notes. Gutsy stuff Honegger! You make us proud to be called Americans.

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