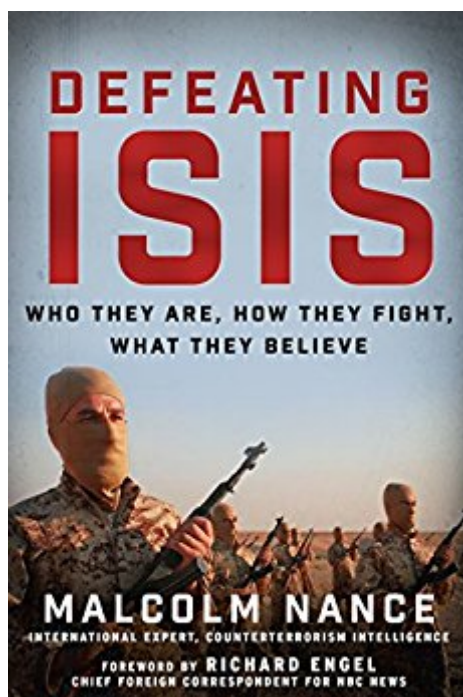


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# Defeating ISIS: Who They Are, How They Fight, What They Believe



## Synopsis

A New York Times bestseller! This reference shows how to understand the history and tactics of the global terror group ISIS and how to use that knowledge to defeat it. ISIS, the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, has taken on the mantle of being the single most dangerous terrorist threat to global security since al-Qaeda. In *Defeating ISIS*, internationally renowned intelligence veteran, author, and counterterrorism expert Malcolm Nance gives an insider's view to explain the origins of this occult group, its violent propaganda, and how it spreads its ideology throughout the Middle East and to disaffected youth deep in the heart of the Western world. Most importantly, *Defeating ISIS* gives an amply illustrated, step-by-step analysis of the street-level tactics the group has employed in assaults against fortified targets, in urban combat, and during terrorist operations such as those in Paris during the November 13 attacks. As much as ISIS is a threat to Western targets and regional stability in the Middle East, Nance describes not only its true danger as a heretical death cult that seeks to wrest control of Islam through young ideologues and redefine Islam as a fight to the death against all comers, but also how to defeat it. *Defeating ISIS* is the first highly detailed and fully illustrated look into the organization by one of the world's foremost authorities in counterterrorism. 100 color illustrations, 100 black-and-white illustrations, maps throughout

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Defeating ISIS: Who They Are, How They Fight, What They Believe, is a meticulously researched guide on one of the most brutal terrorist groups of our age. The author, Malcolm Nance, is a counterterrorism expert with years of experience combating what he refers to as death cults with a twisted, corrupted interpretation of Islam. In fact, he goes so far as to assert that groups like ISIS are anti-Islamic, that their actions are profoundly contrary to traditional Islam. Nance provides a thorough overview of ISIS's origins, and in doing so pulls no punches. He stresses that there would be no ISIS if the United States had not invaded Iraq. During U.S operations in Iraq, ISIS started out as Al Qaeda in Iraq. The U.S. invasion handed Osama bin Laden a golden opportunity. The invasion of Iraq opened up a new front in a fledgling Al Qaeda's war against the U.S. It turned an entire country into a Jihadist playground, attracting foreign fighters, hopped up on Jihadist ideology, from around the world. This, according to Nance, was Osama bin Laden's primary goal. American occupation of a Muslim nation fulfilled his desire to pit Jihadists against Western troops, while drawing the Muslim world into Al Qaeda's camp. Al Qaeda received far less support from Muslims than it had anticipated. Instead, an Al Qaeda on steroids, called ISIS took shape in the searing crucible of Iraq. In his coverage of ISIS, Nance includes affiliate groups that placed themselves under the ISIS banner: Boko Haram being one of the most notorious examples. He provides a detailed analysis of ISIS's every aspect: military capability, operations, weaponry, finances, media, command structure, etc. ISIS atrocities are examined in full, disturbing detail.

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