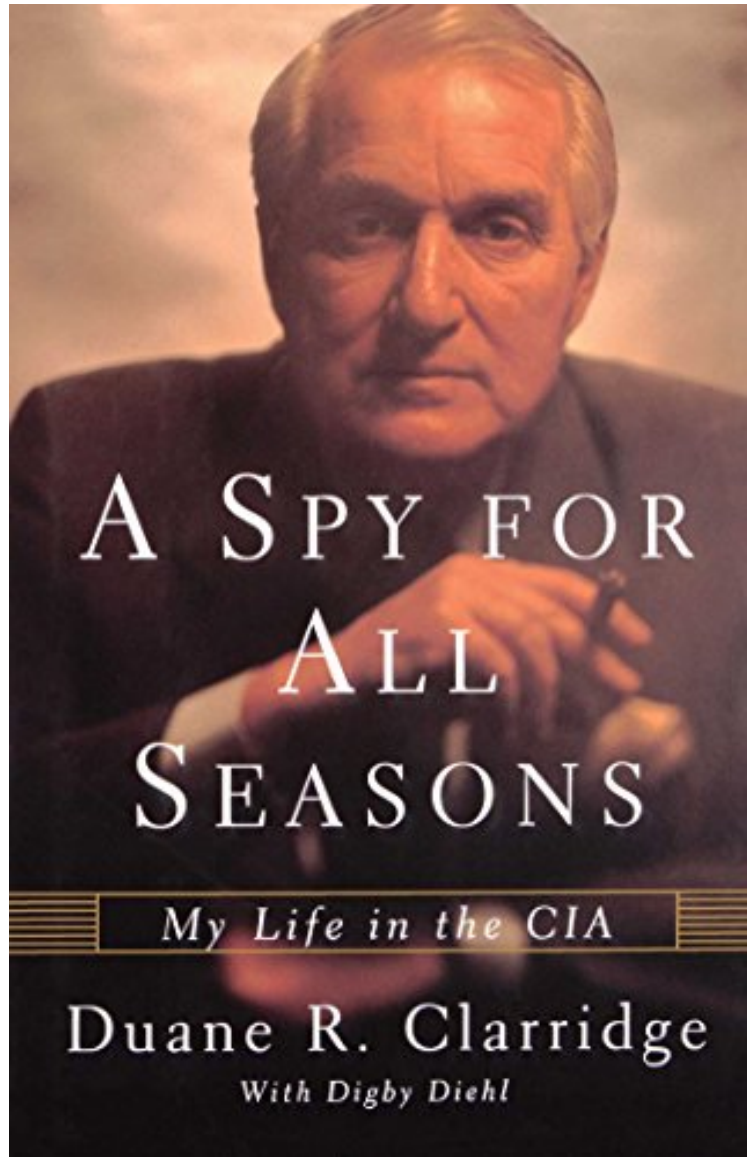


[Read download] A Spy For All Seasons: My Life in the CIA (English Edition)

A Spy For All Seasons: My Life in the CIA (English Edition)

Von Duane R. Clarridge

DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub



 Download

 Read Online

Produktinformation -Verkaufsrank: #944444 in eBooksVerffentlicht am: 2009-11-24Erscheinungsdatum: 2009-11-24File Name: B003JBI2SO | File size: 71.Mb

Von Duane R. Clarridge : A Spy For All Seasons: My Life in the CIA (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Spy For All Seasons: My Life in the CIA (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dewey was one of the last and best of the real operatives.Von Ein KundeDuane "Dewey" Clarridge is old school CIA. He

came up through the organization and knows the operations directorate from top to bottom. He survived the "reorganization" by a certain admiral who gutted the directorate and went on to rise to the top of his field. When Dewey speaks, he tells the story in the vernacular of the old CIA. The agency operates under a completely different set of rules now and the experience level of those who make the calls and do the work is not as high as it was in the "old days." Long time students of American intelligence are well aware of this. Students who are just starting to study the apparatus would do very well to read this book while trying to understand the genesis of our current legislative controls over intelligence. Technology is not the answer to every intelligence question. Sometimes you have to do it the old fashioned way. And sometimes that makes our political element a bit nervous. Dewey's career ended too soon.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good Guy in a Very Bad System Von Robert David STEELE Vivas Dewey was a Division Chief when I was a junior case officer, and I continue to admire him. His pocket handkerchiefs were amazing-you could parachute from a plane with one in an emergency. Dewey's bottom line is clear: he concludes that "the Clandestine Services (sic) is finished as a really effective intelligence service." He has other worthwhile insights, ranging from the inadequacy of the information reaching CIA analysts from open sources (e.g. Nepal), to the "wog factor" dominating CIA analytical assessments (e.g. Pakistan will never attack India), to the sterile and politically-safe approaches to intelligence by the leadership of NSA and the some of the military intelligence services. My bottom line on Dewey is also clear: he was typical of the case officer talent pool, he tried very hard, and the system still failed. He was a good person in a very bad system.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very informative book and a great read. Von Murat Yetkin The book is a great help for those interested in what has happened behind the doors during the Cold War. It also helps reader to understand how the western hemisphere has been caught unprepared to the new threats like terrorism towards the end of the Cold War. Clarridge's emphasis on West European countries', and particularly Italy's tolerance regarding terrorism is important. The book also gives a through perspective on the US covert operations in other countries from the eyes of an insider and raises questions on limits of national sovereignty, democracy and international conflicts.

Kurzbeschreibung A former Deputy Director of the CIA provides a behind-the-scenes look at the American intelligence community, the Reagan administration's secret war against the Sandinistas, the covert operations he conceived, and the battle against world terrorism. From Publishers Weekly Clarridge, a New Hampshire-born dentist's son, joined the CIA in 1955 to fight Soviet and Chinese communism. His 33-year career-including stints as chief of the Latin American and European divisions, and head of the CIA's Counterterrorist Center, which he set up in 1986-ended with his forced retirement after the FBI and congressional committees investigated his role in what he dismissively calls "the Iran-contra nonsense." Indicted in 1991 on federal charges of lying to Congress and the Tower Commission, Clarridge received a presidential pardon from Bush a year later. In a brisk, businesslike memoir studded with disclosures about CIA covert actions and espionage around the world, Clarridge denies charges that he secretly anointed Oliver North as U.S. coordinator for contra funding and weapons supply. He also denies that he knew in advance a shipment of missiles to Iran was, in fact, weaponry rather than oil-drilling equipment, as North allegedly tricked him into believing. Clarridge reveals details of an almost-successful agency attempt to nab Palestinian terrorist Abul Abbas, who hijacked the cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985, killing a wheelchair-bound Jewish passenger. The CIA veteran staunchly defends Reagan's contra war against Nicaragua's "totalitarian" Sandinistas, an operation he created and supervised. And he reports that, after Abu Nidal terrorists killed 19 people in the Rome and Vienna airports in 1985, CIA operatives penetrated the Libya- and Lebanon-based group, sowing paranoid distrust that led Nidal to murder 330 of his own hard-core disciples. Coauthor Diehl is a frequent contributor to Playboy and has collaborated on six book. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist When Clarridge retired under the shadow of the Iran-Contra affair, he was one of the most senior clandestine operations people in the CIA. Behind him lay the career this book recounts. Beginning in the 1950s, when the CIA had just completed its transition from being the OSS, it continued through the height of the cold war to finally witness the collapse of Communism. Frank about his own limitations and failings and equally proud of his achievements, Clarridge, with writer Diehl's able help, generally offers a commendably unglamorous insider account of the spy's life. It is, of course, hard to judge whether he is totally truthful about his role in supporting the contras, but he is definitely persuasive in arguing against creating a situation in which clandestine operations are impossible, as he believes is now the case. Good reading for students of espionage, both serious and casual. Roland Green