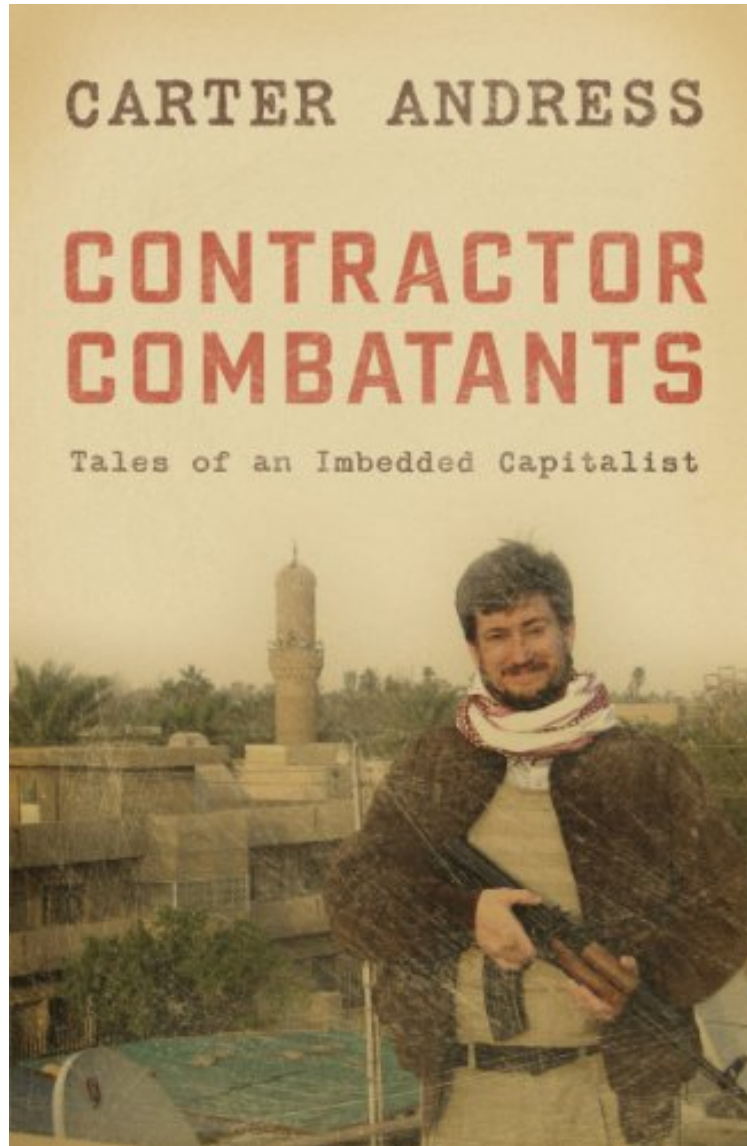


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About the Author Carter Address worked for a year and a half in Iraq, co-founding and managing a company-AISG-that equipped American and Iraqi military units with everything from lamb chops to trucks. A branch of the organization also engaged in construction work. Under his leadership, AISG grew from a handful of jobless Americans to a substantial operation employing 2,500 employees from 12 countries. A former U.S. Army Infantry Officer and graduate of Ranger School (Airborne), Address has run his own international trade and business-consulting firm for 15 years, working in the former Soviet Union and the Middle East. Adventurer, entrepreneur, and renaissance man, Address is an importer of exotic gourmet vodka from Ukraine and also restores old houses. He has a master's degree in history from American University in Washington, D.C.