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In a world torn by conflict and shrouded in the shadows of war, one man stands at the crossroads of destiny. Staff Sergeant Ron Hawkins, a warrior forged in the fires of battle, faces the ultimate test of courage and resolve. Amidst the rugged mountains of Afghanistan, a tale of endurance, sacrifice, and the unyielding spirit of a soldier unfolds. From the heart of the ancient land, where echoes of history whisper through the valleys, comes a story that will carve its mark into the annals of time. Prepare to be taken on a journey through the eyes of a soldier, where every decision can alter the course of history. This is not just a mission; it's a passage through the heart of the House of War.

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and elements of crime or espionage

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Kabul Nightfall

Ingredients:

- 1 oz vodka, symbolizing the Russian influence
- 1 oz pomegranate juice, representing the Afghan landscape
- 1/2 oz rose water, for the beauty amidst conflict
- Sparkling water, to capture the rugged terrain
- A dash of cardamom powder, reflecting the local spice
- Ice cubes
- Pomegranate seeds and a rose petal for garnish

Preparation:

- In a shaker, combine vodka, pomegranate juice, rose water, and cardamom powder with ice.
- Shake well until chilled.
- Strain into a glass filled with ice cubes.
- Top with sparkling water.
- Garnish with pomegranate seeds and a delicate rose petal.

SIGNATURE DRINK

Enjoy a literary culinary adventure and add a delightful twist to your discussions.

Afghan Appetizer: Bolani, a traditional Afghan stuffed flatbread, reflecting the setting of the story.

For detailed steps and measurements, you can check out the full recipes here, here, and here.

Commando Cuisine: Shashlik kebabs, skewered and grilled meat, symbolizing the military aspect of the novel.

- **Beef Kabobs**: Marinate beef with olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, dill, and bay leaves for 4-6 hours. [Find Recipe Here]
- **Grilled Beef**: Season with red wine vinegar, oil, onion, garlic, cumin, and cinnamon. [Find Recipe Here]
- Pork Shashlik: Use pork shoulder, onions, and spices of choice. [Find Recipe Here]

Dessert of the Hindu Kush: Firni, a fragrant Afghan rice pudding, to end the meal with a sweet note from the region's cuisine.

For detailed steps and measurements, you can check out the [Find Recipe Here]

THEMED MEAL SUGGESTIONS

Heroes by David Bowie One by Metallica Paint It, Black by The Rolling Stones War Pigs by Black Sabbath Fortunate Son by Creedence Clearwater Revival The Sound of Silence by Disturbed **Zombie** by The Cranberries Boulevard of Broken Dreams by Green Day Civil War by Guns N' Roses 21 Guns by Green Day This Is War by Thirty Seconds to Mars Iron by Woodkid **Soldier of Fortune** by Deep Purple **Brothers in Arms** by Dire Straits The Trooper by Iron Maiden



SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN THE DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

Character Analysis: How do the experiences of Captain Viktor Tamarov shape his character throughout the novel?

Setting Influence: In what ways does the Afghan setting contribute to the overall mood and themes of the story?

Conflict and Resolution: Discuss the various conflicts in the novel. How are they resolved, and what do they reveal about the characters?

Cultural Impact: How do the cultural differences between the characters influence their relationships and decisions?

Themes of War: What are the main themes related to war that the author explores, and how do they relate to current events?

Personal Struggles: How do the personal struggles of the characters reflect the larger political and social issues presented in the book?

Moral Dilemmas: What moral dilemmas do the characters face, and how do they navigate them?

Historical Accuracy: How well does the book reflect the historical context of the Soviet-Afghan War?

Symbolism: Are there any symbols used in the novel that stand out to you, and what do they represent?

Reader's Perspective: How did the book affect your understanding of the complexities of war and its impact on individuals and societies?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



Scott Allan Meehan is an American educator, advocate, and author known for his military-themed works that span supernatural, science fiction, suspense, romance, and fantasy genres, each infused with a spiritual element. Born to missionary parents, Meehan's diverse cultural experiences include living in seven states and four countries. He served in the U.S. Army from 1980 to 2005, retiring as a Major after deployments in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Meehan holds degrees from Southeastern University, Florida Southern, and a MA in Computer Resources and Information Management, as well as an MBA. He began his writing career in 2009 with "Prince of Babylon".

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