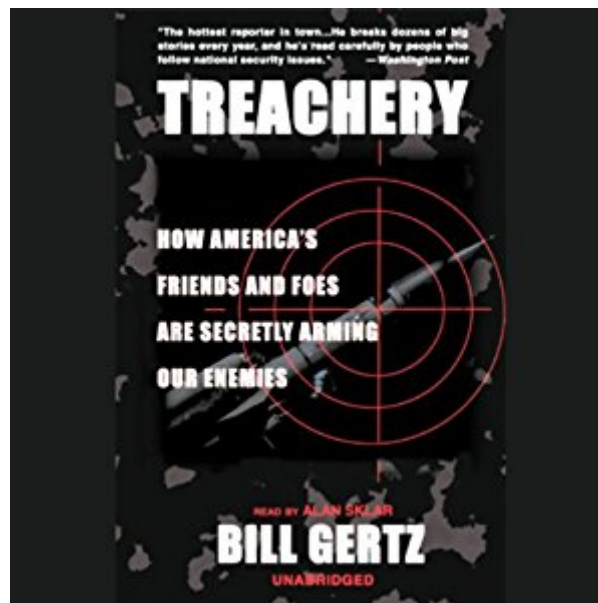


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Treachery: How America's Friends And Foes Are Secretly Arming Our Enemies



Synopsis

In his explosive new book, New York Times best-selling author Bill Gertz uncovers the most significant threat to U.S. national security today: America's enemies, including radical terrorist groups, are arming themselves with the world's most dangerous weapons. And they're doing it with the help of America's supposed allies. Worst of all, the United States has let it happen. Using his unparalleled access to the U.S. intelligence and defense communities, Gertz names names, revealing which of our "friends" have placed greed over principle to make America's enemies far more deadly and the world a far more dangerous place. In Treachery, Gertz tells the whole story, complete with previously unpublished classified intelligence documents, based on dozens of exclusive interviews with senior U.S. officials, including Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

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Customer Reviews

The author has a background and contacts in intelligence circles. This is information that is not only interesting, but should get out beyond the readers of this book. Gertz carefully details with a lot of specifics how Russia, China, Germany, France, North Korea, and more work together to supply rogue nations and terrorist groups with weaponry. This is a must read if you want to get a broad horizon on the threats of the world today. This is the kind of information you won't get in the news, because it's too granular and complicated for the average newspaper reader, or television audience.

Bill Gertz has performed a great service to the American people in writing this book. A reporter specializing in national security issues, Gertz chronicles how nations such as France, Germany, Russia and China have dangerous weapons and highly sensitive weapons intelligence into the hands of rouge, terrorist nations. He also provides an overview of many other problems America faces through the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. "The transfer of dangerous weapons and related technology is the most significant threat to U.S. national security for the foreseeable future," states Gertz. But as Gertz documents, the "Axis of Evil" (Iraq, Iran and North Korea) have mightily benefited by the sales and transfer of weapons material and intelligence. This is an alarming development. Companies in nations we are allied with have endangered the U.S. and the rest of the world by giving weapons and information to dangerous, terrorist states. The motive seems to be sales profits. Unfortunately, as the sources cited in the book make clear, these friends of ours made little or no effort to prevent such transfers. In too many cases it appears that those respective governments were complicit in the transfers. Nations like Syria, Lebanon and Pakistan have also benefited from weapons sales and transfers from France, Germany, Russia and China. Gertz goes so far as to describe Libya and Syria as "The New Axis of Evil." He devotes a whole chapter in discussing the recent activities of these two nations, solidly supporting his conclusion. As Gertz notes, a vast number of these transfers, by our friends and foes alike, were in direct violation of international treaties and agreements. Indeed, he even has a chapter on the failures of the U.N. and IAEA to tackle this serious problem. In some cases, rogue nations have used the international agencies and programs to further their own WMD programs. His book finishes with some conclusions and suggestions on how we can get even tougher in confronting the problem of WMD proliferation and military technology transfers. He recommends, among other things, the expanded use of covert action forces that can rapidly deploy and deal with actionable intelligence. Gertz also provides some positive analysis of a memorandum by Michael Pillsbury, which focuses upon new strategies for dealing with these matters. Gertz has conducted numerous interviews with top American defense and intelligence officials, including Secretary of State Donald Rumsfeld. He has also had access to many classified documents and reports, supplementing much publicly available information that is all but ignored by Old Media. As a result, his book is well researched, solidly supported, highly informative, and extremely timely.

...to make you mad. Our alleged friends - and if not friends, then not enemies - were the arsenal for Iraq between the Gulf Wars, and today US and British troops are being killed in Iraq with weapons Hussein bought with skimmed UN Food for Oil dollars from Russia, France, Germany and China.

(These are the same "allies" that the current administration is being criticized for not successfully soliciting support from for the war! "Allies" owed money by Iraq for arms.) This is a detailed read that gives a very compelling case for looking at current events in the Middle East through different lenses than what you hear on the network news. It's liable to make you mad to read it.

This was recommended in a lecture I heard on a ship. Unfortunately it is out of date. The writer has interesting information that had more relevance in other decades. By now it is old news that our western Europe allies, Russia and several Asian countries arm our enemies.

An understanding of America's enemies! Fantastic Deal ---- You should buy one of these -- it's neat !! XLNT Tranzaxion! Would buy again! Rating AAAAA+++++

This book reads like a national discourse rather than a political and security analysis. It is no secret that other nations are competing with the United States over diverging interests around the world. France and Russia had signed oil contracts with Saddam's Iraq prior to the American war in 2003 and it was only natural for them to stand up to defend their interests before the world community and in the UN. I personally have no petty for such imperial competition. What is more alarming, however, is the proliferation of WMDs throughout the world (not Iraq) and the ongoing arming of rogue states as well as terrorist gangs thanks to the conflicting agenda of imperial states such as France, Russia and the US. What these nations should be doing, instead, is coordinating their efforts to make the world a safer place and - even while they maintain their conflict of interests - understand that arms are no toys and that there could be no settlement of imperial scores by letting gangs roam the world killing civilians. Gertz, for his part, takes Russia and France's activity as a personal offense, from an American perspective, instead of depicting it as an offense against humanity altogether. Such nationalist rhetoric never helps making the world a safer place but rather increases animosity among nations and widens the gaps in their opposing alignments.

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