

## SEAN MCFATE



Dr. Sean McFate is a foreign policy expert, author and novelist. He is a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, a Washington DC think tank, and a professor of strategy at the National Defense University and Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Additionally, he serves as an Advisor to Oxford University's Centre for Technology and Global Affairs.

McFate's career began as a paratrooper and officer in the U.S. Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division. He served under Stan McChrystal and David Petraeus, and graduated from elite training programs, such as Jungle Warfare School in Panama. He was also a Jump Master.

McFate then became a private military contractor and paramilitary. Among his many experiences, he dealt with African warlords, raised armies for U.S. interest, rode with armed groups in the Sahara, conducted strategic reconnaissance for the extractive industry, transacted arms deals in Eastern Europe, and helped prevent an impending genocide in the Rwanda region.

In the world of international business, McFate was a Vice President at TD International, a boutique political risk consulting firm with offices in Washington, Houston, Singapore and Zurich. Additionally, he was a program manager at DynCorp International, a consultant at BearingPoint (now Deloitte Consulting), and an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

McFate writes novels based on his own military experiences. His latest thriller is *High Treason*, and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author James Patterson said: "Sean McFate just might be the next Tom Clancy, only I think he's even better...The action is non-stop." James Rollins said: "It had me breathless—it's not to be missed!"

McFate also writes serious non-fiction. *The New Rules of War: How America Can Win—Against Russia, China, and Other Threats* (Morrow) has been called "The *Freakonomics* of modern warfare." It was named a "Book of the Year" by *The Economist*, *The Times* [UK], and *The Evening Standard*, and is included on West Point's "Commandant's Reading List." Admiral Jim Stavridis, the former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, said: "Stunning. Sean McFate is a new Sun Tzu." Max Hastings wrote in *The Sunday Times*: "[This] iconoclastic book is being hailed by radicals as a wake-up call to governments and armed forces everywhere." It has been translated into six languages and the British edition is titled *Goliath: Why the West Isn't Winning. And What We Must Do About It* (Penguin). McFate also authored *The Modern Mercenary: Private Armies and What They Mean for World Order* (Oxford Univ Press). *The Economist* called it a "fascinating and disturbing book."

McFate is a consultant to the U.S. military, U.S. intelligence community, United Nations, and Hollywood. He has written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *The New Republic*, *Foreign Policy*, *Politico*, *Daily Beast*, *Vice Magazine*, *War on the Rocks*, *Military Review* and *African Affairs*. He has appeared on CNN's *Amanpour*, *Morning Joe*, *Fox and Friends*, MSNBC, Fox, Sky News, NPR, BBC, WSJ, FT, *Economist*, Vice/HBO, The Discovery Channel, and American Heroes Channel. As a scholar, he has authored eight book chapters in edited academic volumes, and two monographs on modern war for the U.S. Department of Defense.

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