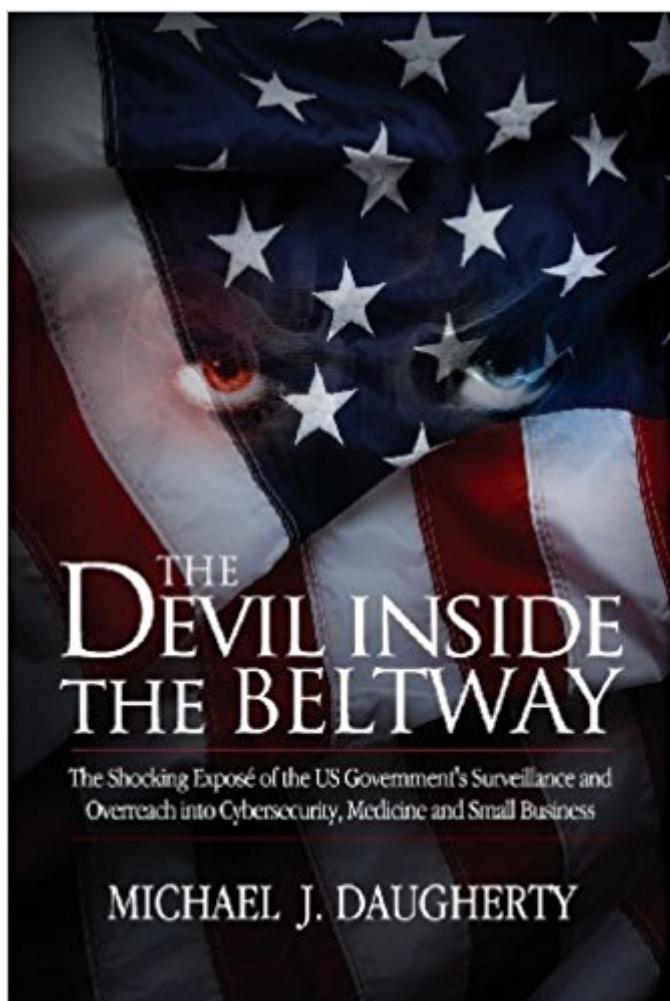


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The Devil Inside The Beltway: The Shocking Expose Of The US Government's Surveillance And Overreach Into Cybersecurity, Medicine And Small Business





Synopsis

THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WATCHING YOUR WORKSTATION LONGER THAN YOU THINK. Small business owner Michael J. Daugherty is fighting back against US Government's sinister surveillance tactics in his book, *The Devil Inside the Beltway: The Shocking Expose of the US Government's Surveillance and Overreach into Cybersecurity, Medicine, and Small Business*. During the past decade the US Government has teamed with private enterprise and academia to attack American small business by surveilling networks and picking up Americans' files they considered to be shared and vulnerable. They used that information to expand and grow more than one government agency. Michael J. Daugherty, the small business owner who created LabMD, a cancer detection center in Atlanta, Georgia, became a victim of these governmental practices. What began with the unauthorized but government-funded procurement of medical data for 9000+ patients from his medical laboratory turned into a government supported, financially draining, extortion attempt. Taking you inside his five-year journey of government power grabs and intimidation tactics, Daugherty backs his riveting true story with engaging detail, including Congressional testimony, press releases, e-mails, letters and FOIA documents. But for the fact that everything in the book really happened, it reads like a brilliant political thriller. The cronies, lawyers, politicians and bullies...they are all right here in this stinging indictment.

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THE DEVIL INSIDE THE BELTWAY is compelling, well written, superbly researched and

extensively documented...Though the book is nearly 500 pages long, the ending is a cliffhanger because the author's government-initiated...nightmare is still unfolding. Americans, need to read this book understand how the overreaching government's modus operandi...can destroy innocent small businesses and individuals. Fact is oftentimes stranger than fiction and this real-life political thriller is far more shocking and Orwellian than any work of fiction could ever be. Reviewed by Robin Carr for IndieReader. This book should be required reading by anyone who has any dealings with the government....and that doesn't leave out many of us....when the government turns on us with it's full arsenal it will be a long, bumpy, time consuming and expensive road with little chance of justice, right over wrong or common sense reasonable thinking....a simple mistake by an innocent employee on one computer inside a private medical service company that was contained and caused no harm led to years of unjustifiable persecution of the company by all three branches of 'our' government....the book reads like a novel and, once begun, becomes difficult to put down....it is an excellent , thorough documentation of the battle of the author's company to try and bring some common sense to the unjustified accusations of the government....the litany is frustrating, disappointing and provoking....unfortunately, it's not surprising....Kudos to the author, Michael Daugherty, for taking the time and spending the money to lay open the horrifying workings of the USA Gov't against the ethical, honest, hardworking and well intentioned segment of the private sector that he represents....this book needs to go viral. --Mike Daugherty's decision to author this exposÃ© as a novel made it impossible to put down. He tells his story well, drawing you in, until you share his anger, frustration and bewilderment. Shocking doesn't really describe the revelations regarding the way that parts of our government conduct themselves. Perhaps disturbing, chilling and frightening...definitely infuriating I highly recommend Devil Inside the Beltway for anyone that would have a better understanding of the ways in which our government has become dysfunctional and counterproductive. --Small-business owner Daugherty, in his debut, recounts how he uncovered shady practices going on behind closed government doors. In May 2008, several years before government surveillance became an explosive issue in America, everything was going well at an Atlanta cancer-detection facility that the author started 12 years before. Then he received a call from someone at a data security firm who claimed to have his patients confidential medical data. What initially seemed like extortion turned out to be part of an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission and Daugherty began to realize that there were forces at work beyond his control. Using emails, letters, cited sources, extensive research and data, the author explains how he eventually uncovered a relationship between the FTC and various private security firms, who, instead of trying to stop malware that preys on private information, instead attack small businesses

the malware s victims for security failures. Daugherty s story is harrowing and hard to ignore: Orwellian in its exploration of government overreach and lawyer doublespeak and Kafkaesque in its nightmarish depiction of innocent citizens falsely accused. Daugherty has clearly done his research, and he skillfully explains the political processes that he believes lie at the heart of the FTC s questionable practices. At times, the book reads like an engaging thriller, but it also drags at points and, overall, may be too long for its own good. Some readers may wish that the author were less concerned with minutiae, or eased up on some of the more hard-line anti-establishment rhetoric; if the book were tighter and more streamlined, it might have been far greater. That said, as it stands, it s an effective and frightening cautionary tale. A true story of a businessman s struggle in the digital information age --Kirkus

Michael Daugherty is a government whistleblower by necessity, and CEO of a cancer detection laboratory by trade. A small business owner taking on federal agencies with courage that rivals David meets Goliath, Michael is on a tireless crusade to honor his constitutional rights and the rights of every U.S. citizen. Michael s story of victimization by a cyber-security company linked to federal agencies is not unique that he s telling his story is. In a play-by-play account of questionable government practices, Michael reveals his chilling tale about how our security is not the safety we think it is. His book *The Devil inside the Beltway* is a must read for anyone who values freedom or takes it for granted.

Great book. Michael Daugherty is a hero to me. He does right and impossibly difficult thing in standing up to the US government and corrupt forces when falsely accused, and at great financial and personal cost to himself. All in the hopes to make things better for others who may face these out of control government ogres in the future knowing his fate is likely sealed. A story of a man with solid caricter and unwavering stamina. The world would be a much better place with many more like him!!! Thank you Mr. D for shedding light on the despotic FTC zealots and their despicably insidious cronies.

The job I have on occasions enter me in testifying in court. I have witnessed how intimidating the legal and government over each can be. Our system definitely needs a tune up.

Our book club read this book ~ it's an eye-opener!!

This is a really good book.

A hard to put down account of a government out of control. A well written first person account of a man and his small company fighting a government with no conscience, unfettered power, and no oversight.

Very nice read.

This book will scare you ... and it should ... when an employee, who innocently downloaded music on a peer-to-peer network, brings your company a legal battle that will not only sink your practice financially ... but will have the FTC reviewing your security practices for the next TWENTY years! How many of us check each employee's computer to see if they have opened a site that will allow the "spyware" that is available now to enter your practice and take your patient's PHI ?? Do you have half a million dollars to spend to save your company? This book is not only well written by someone who had exactly that happen (this is a very easy and interesting read) ... but it will show you what kind of world we live in now ... do you know who is looking at you? This should be a required read for all management people ... medical and non-medical ... to the largest corporations ... any CIO who is worth their salt and salary should read this ... the sooner the better ... I read it in a weekend because I could not put it down !! Prepare yourself ... you have no idea what is out there and it is only the beginning !! Alexis Administrator

This is very detailed accounting of government overreach and bloated agency policies that make no sense. The inmates running the asylum as it were.

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