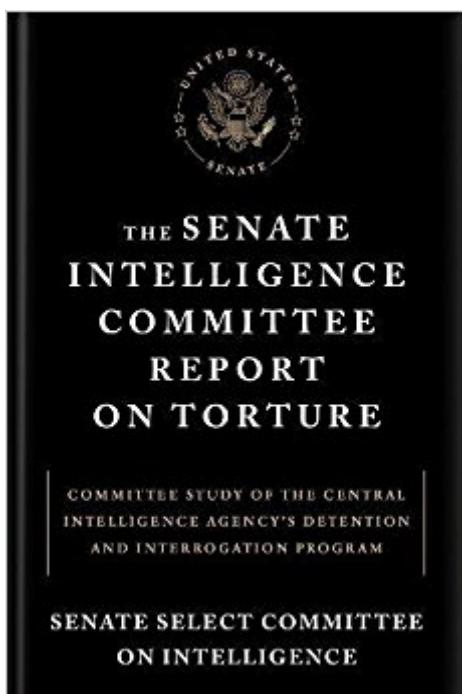


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Having read this report, I am convinced that evil is most effectively perpetrated by bureaucrats. This report catalogues a litany of lies, misrepresentations, and obfuscation perpetrated by the CIA against congress, the president, and the world in general. It is amazing to me that no one is in prison because of this, but we as a country are poorer for having allowed these acts to happen. What is clear is that we tortured people, repeatedly, but did not derive any useful information as a result of this torture and continue now to face the consequences for our actions.

Basically the closest thing any regular citizen can get to an organized dump of objective facts (although, perhaps, curated to tell specific stories which may be biased) on this matter. Keeping in mind the full contents of this book are copied from CIA internal documents, prior "debate" on the torture ("enhanced interrogation") issues have nothing on what's in here. Only downside: the writing is not as gripping as the science fiction I usually like to read.

This is a necessary book for anybody to read that wants to understand just what it is that we're capable of, as well as to understand what we find to be acceptable despite knowing that such tactics are ineffective. This is an eye opening book, I'm not going to lie it's disturbing, it's hard to read, but it's one of the most necessary books I've ever read. Not meant for anybody that has a weak stomach, for anybody that is easily upset. This book is only for people that want to understand what's going on, and understand exactly what we were doing, and to try and understand why it is we did it.

Everyone should buy and read this. Seriously, do something your congressman won't do (even though we pay them to do their jobs they still won't but whatever). Very dark and informative. Thank

goodness this was unclassified!

Impressive report. Anyone wishing to know about the truth of what went on and was authorized after 9/11 should read this. Sean Hannity and FOX viewers AVOID this book. It only deals with TRUTH, and there aren't a lot of pictures.

As a friend noted, this part of our history will be rewritten and rewritten again and again as time progresses. This long-awaited augmentation of history is and will be the foundation for many of the rewrites. Note that every part of it is cited to CIA source materials.

Book arrived in great condition! Exactly the item I expected.

Five stars being called "I love it" is not really appropriate, but if you live in the U.S. and you *don't* read this, then you've abandoned your civic responsibility and you're a disappointment to your family.

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