

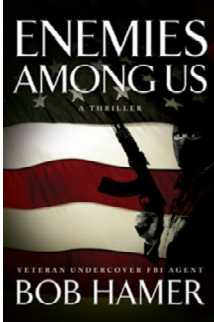
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A REAL-LIFE JACK BAUER PENS NOVEL OF COUNTER-TERRORIST ADVENTURES

Decorated undercover FBI agent draws on decades as a secret soldier in the war on terror.

Los Angeles, CA – For over two decades, FBI agent Bob Hamer was America’s real-life Jack Bauer. Like the fictional hero of Fox Television’s *24*, Hamer worked undercover to infiltrate terrorist plots, international crime syndicates, drug cartels, and rings of sexual predators. But Hamer’s reality-based thriller, *Enemies Among Us*, is no sensationalized Hollywood potboiler.



In the line of duty, Hamer posed as a drug dealer, a pedophile, an international arms merchant and a contract killer. The Mafia threatened to break his legs. An L.A. street gang put a contract on his life. He was stalked by assassins for a Chinese crime syndicate. He shot people and was shot at.

Now Hamer’s real-life experiences live again in Matt Hogan, hero of *Enemies Among Us*. Agent Hogan has a reputation for recklessness among his superiors—a situation not improved when he totals two vehicles in a high-speed pursuit of an Arab drug courier through the streets of Beverly Hills. To avoid suspension, Hogan sets aside high-stakes operations to pose as a volunteer at a Christian medical charity that treats third-world children, but which may also be a front for radical Islamist terrorists. This back-bench assignment turns out to be more crucial—and more deadly—than anyone anticipated.

Hogan investigates a doctor, a bank teller, a student, and a security specialist. All seemingly ordinary. All terrorists. As he struggles to forestall their murderous plot, Hogan must fight the conspirators with one hand and FBI bureaucrats with the other. Hogan’s guiding star is his wife, Caitlin, who finds her strength in a faith he can’t quite embrace. But as the conspiracy envelops his family, Hogan gets a crash course in ordinary heroism, the bravery of children, the true meaning of brotherhood, a teacher’s compassion and the power of hope.

As a former FBI agent, Hamer brings a rare credibility to the thriller. The harrowing action is genuine. The lingo is true. The characters are real, complex human beings. And the insights into Arab-American relations in the U.S. are nuanced and exceptional.

Published by FIDELIS, an imprint dedicated to authors who “have been there.” Like Hamer, each author has lived the story, in all its guts and glory. Enlisted by commanding editor Oliver North, these writers are combat veterans, world champion martial artists, and undercover agents. They are warrior-scholars. Their experience goes beyond research or “ride-alongs” with real cops or military. Daring, dangerous, thrilling lives are poured out on the page with a fresh authenticity.

While *Enemies Among Us* works as a well-oiled conspiracy thriller, its ultimate purpose, says Hamer, is more noble: “I want America to wake up to the real people who risk their lives daily to make this nation great.”

Bob Hamer has consulted for television shows such as *Law & Order: SVU* and *Sleeper Cell* and is a member of the Writers Guild of America. His award-winning true-crime autobiography, *The Last Undercover*, was published in 2008. Now retired after twenty-six years with the FBI, Hamer received the FBI Director’s Award for Distinguished Service. Also a Marine Corps veteran and law school graduate, Hamer lives with his wife and children in California. For more information visit www.bobhamer.net.

About *Enemies Among Us*:

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Suggested Interview Questions For Bob Hamer, author of *Enemies Among Us*

1. What caused you to transition from the Marines to the FBI?
2. What are the differences and similarities between Hollywood depictions and the reality of the job you did?
3. How close is the novel to your real experiences in the FBI?
4. What got you started in the FBI? How did you adjust to a new way of life? How were you able to separate your everyday life from your role in the FBI?
5. What were some of the more harrowing experiences you encountered? Did you ever come close to having your true identity exposed?
6. What did you enjoy about the work? What did you dislike?
7. There was a recent episode of *24* where a retired FBI agent was called back in to go undercover with the Russians to buy arms. Did you ever face a situation like that?
8. Matt Hogan struggles with his bosses almost as much as with criminals. Was this your experience as well?
9. What did working undercover teach you about human nature and yourself?
10. What were your wife's feelings about your undercover work?
11. How did you switch between your roles—cop to criminal—without losing your way?
12. Do you feel America is prepared for another possible terrorist attack? Why should we be concerned with terrorism and the use modern technology including computers and cellular phones?
13. In what ways did the work intrude into your personal and family life?
14. While undercover, how did you avoid doing things you personally found morally unsound?
15. What makes someone go from a moderate Islamic faith to a violent radical ideology?
16. How did your faith play into your life and work?
17. What should we know about child predators? Is there a commonality between these predators? What is the difference in profiling the personality of male and female child predators?

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FOR BOB HAMER

“I spent twenty-six years in the FBI, all of them as a street agent and many of those years undercover. Both as a case agent and as an undercover agent I worked organized crime, terrorism, gangs, and child exploitation.

“Even as a child I played cops and robbers in the backyard with the neighborhood kids so I think there was always a desire to get into law enforcement at some level. **Prior to joining the FBI, I was a judge advocate in the Marine Corps.** Regardless of how they portray it on TV, after spending four years in a military courtroom, I realized most trials aren’t “whodunits.” The issue almost always came down to whether the interrogation was coerced or the search was legal. For me, the excitement of the courtroom waned quickly and I certainly wasn’t interested in sitting behind a desk all day drafting legal documents. I really wanted a job offering excitement and a chance to serve. Even though I was a Captain in the Marines I was still just an attorney, but the Marines instilled a warrior ethos. I wanted to be part of that small cadre of men and women who protected the sheep from the wolves. I knew the FBI sought lawyers and accountants, so I applied and was accepted.

“I was the undercover agent in more than 20 administratively approved undercover operations. Some assignments lasted a day or two, others more than three years. **I successfully played the role of a contract killer, drug dealer, gambler, pedophile, white collar criminal, and international arms merchant.**

“I really had a sense of mission in the FBI. **I believed in what I was doing.** As I said, I spent many years in various undercover roles. I used to joke that I never had a midlife crisis; I just became a new persona, a contract killer or a drug dealer or whatever the role called for. The best thing was knowing I was making a difference...in a small way, in my own way I was making society better. For me, there was also the ever present anticipation the next phone call might be the thrill ride of a lifetime. **Working undercover is the ultimate adrenaline rush.** I know of no comparable experience.

“The worst thing was the bureaucracy. I wasn’t the easiest guy in the world to supervise but HQ certainly never made the job easy. My protagonist Matt Hogan would agree. I hope the reader will capture that same excitement and thrill I felt with each undercover assignment. **There is a lot of me in Matt Hogan. He’s just younger and a lot better looking.**

“But my last undercover assignment was probably my proudest and most successful. I worked three separate undercover cases at the same time. **Posing as a pedophile I infiltrated NAMBLA** which resulted in the arrest of eight members of what one defendant called the organization’s “inner circle.”

“At the same time **I was targeting a Chinese criminal syndicate** that among other things sold me \$2 million in the Supernote, a counterfeit US \$100 bill manufactured by the North Koreans. Other members of this organization conspired to sell me \$60 million in Chinese manufactured surface-to-air missiles, resulting in the first conviction under provisions of the 2004 Patriot Act. In all over thirty people were indicted in our investigation code-name OPERATION SMOKING DRAGON.

“But while working these two cases **I was also targeting a Vietnamese gang which sold me drugs** on several occasions. This whole time I was a fifty-something handicapped white guy who walked with the use of a cane. I never quite understood why all these people trusted me. But they did and their misplaced trust put them in prison for many years. I had a lot of plates in the air which I had to keep spinning...**it was an exciting time.**

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“There are elements of many of my undercover cases in the [novel’s] composite story. I worked on the Joint Terrorism Task Force in Los Angeles and with many people from the Middle East. **I had some top informants from Lebanon, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Iran.** We spent a great deal of time together and they were excellent teachers. I appreciated the education I received from them.

“**I saw the best and worst of mankind.** Most law enforcement personnel see the world in black and white. To be a successful undercover agent you have to see the gray. You have to know the real you and understand the undercover role is just an act. The Rolex watch goes back to the property room, the Porsche goes back to the undercover garage. The mask comes off and you have to become real again.

“**I tried to always put the family first.** I tried never to miss a ball game or performance and tried to work undercover deals around the family schedule. Of course it didn’t always work. The hours while working undercover can be unpredictable and erratic and my family understood that. Those nights when I did come home I liked to think I was able to ring out of my sponge-like brain of all I encountered that day. It wasn’t easy because working undercover is a 24/7 mindset but I tried hard not to bring the cases into the house.

“**I had a strong belief that I was where I was supposed to be.** I had a wife and two children who provided a tether to the real world, not the undercover world I had infiltrated. I was brought up in a stable home environment by parents who loved me and impressed upon right and wrong. I was well-grounded in my faith. All of that provided the basic backdrop for my undercover work.

“**We attend church every week but I would say my faith rather than my religion sustains me.** Moses may have only meant this for Joshua, but often before a difficult undercover assignment I would reflect on his words in Deuteronomy, “The Lord himself will go before you and be with you: he will neither leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” For whatever reason and however undeserved God wrapped His protective arms around me.

“**Our servicemen and women and their families have sacrificed much in this War on Terror. They deserve our heartfelt thanks.** Each one is a volunteer and even those who have not been injured or maimed have sacrificed a great deal. Combat changes everyone. Yet, I believe we are winning. It is still a long battle but progress is being made. People overseas who never voted in their lives now have a chance to vote. Women are watching their children being educated. We eliminated evil dictators. **Much work still needs to be done but yes, I believe we are winning and I believe it is a battle worth fighting.**”

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PRAISE FOR *ENEMIES AMONG US*

Bob Hamer's debut novel delivers realism only an undercover FBI agent can bring. *Enemies Among Us* will grab you from word one and stay with you long after you've read the last evocative page. Mitch Rapp has a new friend in the world of fictional heroes, FBI Special Agent Matt Hogan...

—Vince Flynn, *New York Times* #1 best selling author of *Pursuit of Honor*

Knowing Hamer "walked the talk" as an FBI undercover agent gives this well-crafted thriller a terrific plausibility, a genuine edge that rings like a struck bell. Hamer hits the nail on the head.

—Kevin Sorbo, producer/director and star of *Hercules: The Legendary Journeys* and Gene Roddenberry's *Andromeda*

Bob Hamer's real life experience as an undercover FBI agent lends an insider's touch to this all too realistic tale of terrorism in our time. It's a story of dedicated people who battle bureaucrats and terrorists to keep America safe.

—Charlie Daniels, in his four decade music career, has six platinum albums, performed for U.S. troops all over the world, and has been honored by two American presidents

Bob Hamer's book, *Enemies Among Us* doesn't read like a work of fiction - it reads like real life. Only it's a life among dark criminal subcultures that most of us will, thankfully, never know. That's because every scene is born of Bob's personal experience as an undercover FBI agent - and while much of what he did in more than two decades on the job is still classified, many of those incredible experiences find an outlet in Bob's fiction. If you ever wondered about the threats this country faces that never make the evening news - this book will make you thank God for those who put themselves in harm's way on the home front so you can sleep safe in your bed. Don't miss it.

— Chuck Holton, CBN military correspondent and author of *A More Elite Soldier* and the *Task Force Valor* series. www.livefire.us

Bob Hamer spent 26 years in the FBI, many undercover. He brings a realism to his writing few authors can. He's been there and takes his reader on the same wild ride he traveled while an undercover G-Man. His fiction is as real as it gets. In fact, I wonder if this really didn't happen.

—Karri Turner, actress from the CBS series *J.A.G.*, recipient of the 2009 USO "Heart of a Patriot" Award