

# Dirty Secrets, Dirty War: David Cox's Exposé of Australia's Involvement in Afghanistan

David Cox's 2021 book, "Dirty Secrets, Dirty War: Australia's War in Afghanistan," is a scathing indictment of the Australian government's involvement in the War in Afghanistan. Cox, a former Australian soldier who served in Afghanistan, pulls no punches in his criticism of the government's decision to go to war, its conduct of the war, and its treatment of its soldiers.

## A War Without Justification

Cox argues that the Australian government's decision to go to war in Afghanistan was based on a lie. The government claimed that Australia was going to war to help the United States fight terrorism, but Cox argues that the real reason was to support the United States' illegal invasion of Iraq. He writes, "The Australian government knew that the war in Afghanistan was illegal, but it went to war anyway because it wanted to show its support for the United States."



## Dirty Secrets, Dirty War by David Cox

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Cox also argues that the Australian government's war aims were never clear. He writes, "The government never defined what it wanted to achieve in Afghanistan. It simply said that it wanted to 'help the Afghan people,' but it never explained what that meant." He argues that this lack of clarity led to the war's failure.

## **A War of Atrocities**

Cox also documents the many atrocities that were committed by Australian soldiers during the War in Afghanistan. He writes about soldiers who killed unarmed civilians, tortured prisoners, and raped women. He argues that these atrocities were not isolated incidents, but rather were part of a pattern of behavior that was tolerated by the Australian government.

Cox also argues that the Australian government covered up the atrocities that were committed by its soldiers. He writes, "The government knew about the atrocities, but it did nothing to stop them. It even tried to cover them up." He argues that this cover-up was a betrayal of the Australian people and the Afghan people.

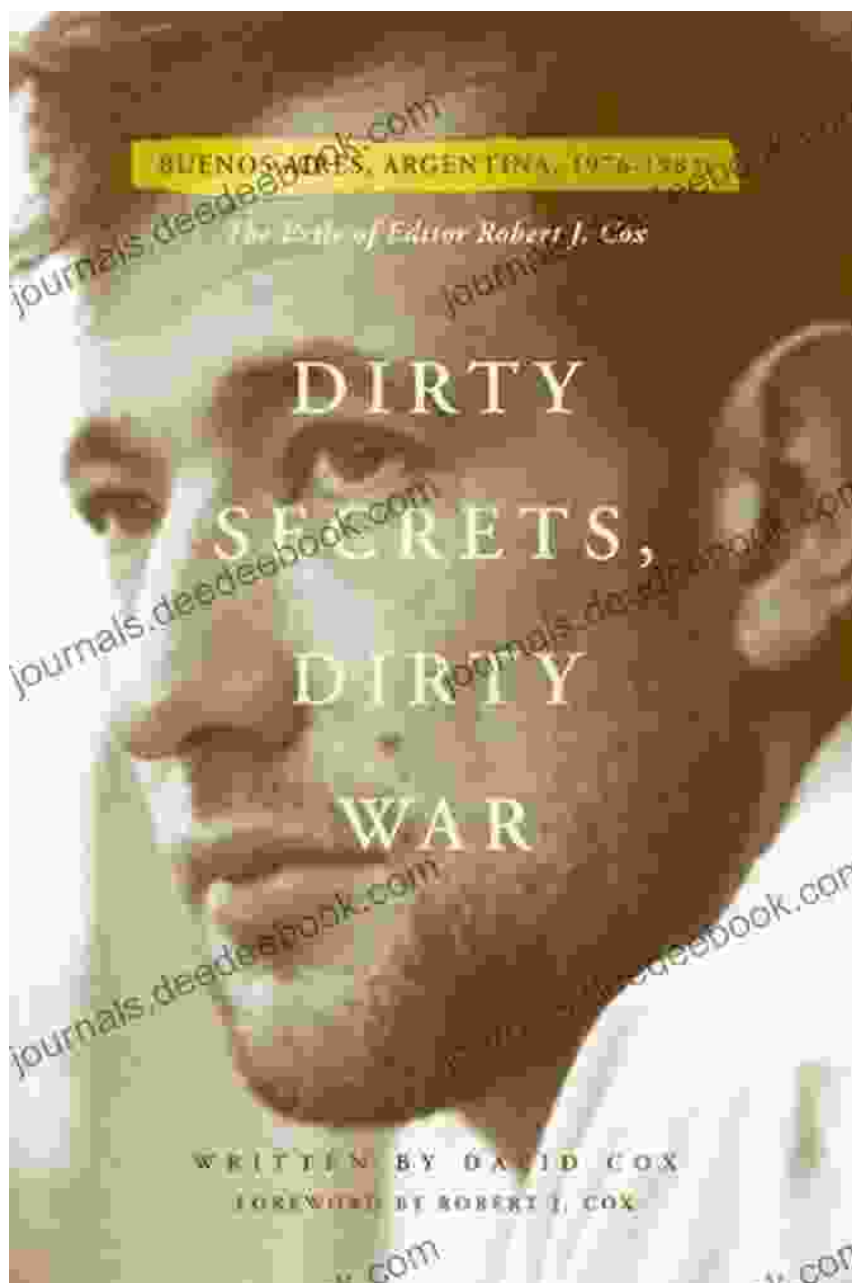
## **A Betrayal of the Soldiers**

Cox also criticizes the Australian government's treatment of its soldiers. He writes about soldiers who were sent to war with inadequate training and equipment. He writes about soldiers who were wounded in battle and then denied the care they needed. He writes about soldiers who were discharged from the military with PTSD and then left to fend for themselves.

Cox argues that the Australian government's treatment of its soldiers is a disgrace. He writes, "The government has a duty of care to its soldiers, but it has failed to fulfill that duty." He argues that this failure is a betrayal of the soldiers who have fought and died for their country.

David Cox's "Dirty Secrets, Dirty War" is a powerful and important book. It is a book that exposes the lies, the atrocities, and the betrayal that have characterized Australia's involvement in the War in Afghanistan. It is a book that should be read by everyone who wants to understand the true cost of war.

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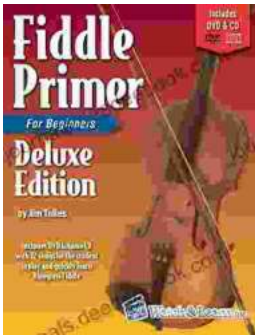
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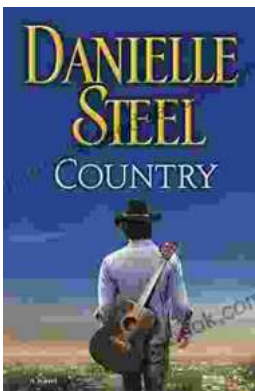
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