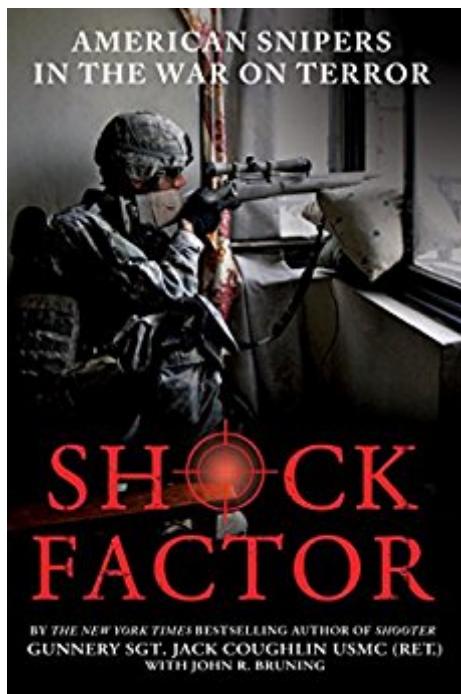


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# Shock Factor: American Snipers In The War On Terror



## **Synopsis**

From the author of the New York Times bestselling memoir *Shooter*, comes a riveting narrative of how snipers have changed the course of America's war on al Qaida in the Middle East and Africa. Retired Marine sniper Jack Coughlin (*Shooter*) and John Bruning pull back the curtain of secrecy to take an insider's look at the dark and misunderstood world of America's sniper force. Long considered the redheaded stepchildren of the infantry, snipers have been loathed by their fellow warriors, called "ten cent killers" by our media, and portrayed as unbalanced psychopaths by Hollywood. Coughlin and Bruning explore the lives and careers of some of America's most effective snipers during key missions, moments and campaigns in the War on Terror. Part page-turning thriller, part deeply human drama, *Shock Factor* takes you from the streets of the modern day "Stalingrad" of Ramadi to the skyscrapers of Baghdad as America's one-shot warriors fight desperate battles against all odds, find themselves at the heart of tense international incidents, stalk key enemy leaders, and discover horrific human rights abuses perpetrated by our own allies. Based on extensive interviews with snipers currently on active duty, *Shock Factor*'s gripping accounts of harrowing combat, buried truths and secrets revealed could only be told by snipers to a trusted member of their own elite and cloistered brotherhood.

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If you like to read about real action as I do. If you enjoy reading about snipers as I do. If you like a honest book without all of the political and "if they would have only listened to me" crap then you will love this book. Just like I did. It was a hard book for me to put down. Jack Coughlin scored big with this one and you owe it to yourself to read it too.

How would you react to an RPG being readied to fire at you? Can you anticipate the clever adaptive tactics of the insurgent? Would you become a trusted partner in battle with rules of engagement that risk you and your fellow US soldiers to err in favor of those who want to kill you? This recounting of actual engagements by US sniper teams will open your eyes to some of the sobering realities of asymmetrical combat. If you want to feel safe and depend on others to make that happen, you should read this book. You might shed some of that preconceived idealism that envelopes the sheltered life.

Excellent insight to the world of combat and what our GI's go through...

good history a little slow moving

Excellent insights and information in this book written by veterans and based on first hand accounts by the shooters themselves. A must read for anyone interested in the art of the rifle and it's employment against those who wish to kill us all.

Gives insight into the psychology and considerations, both individual and corporate, regarding snipers and their role in an ongoing conflict. Great read!

A veteran friend recommended the book. As a civilian, I greatly appreciated having an inside perspective from a warrior's experience. It added to my already high estimation and thankfulness for our soldiers and contractors who fight so that we can live free.

I think that this book kind of tells a story about the lives that our snipers save and not so much about

the lives that they have to take to keep our soldiers alive.

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