

TOMER TZABAN

THE
GHOSTS
OF
RAFAH

AN UNDERCOVER COUNTER-TERRORISM AGENT
IN THE HEART OF THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

A RARE, FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND LOOK INTO
AN UNDERCOVER OPERATING UNIT,
DEEP IN THE **HEART OF THE GAZA** STRIP

The situation could turn into a bloodbath in seconds, dozens of dead on both sides. I was just twenty years old. A young fighter, right in the lion's den, and the only one who could get us out of there."

Tomer Tzaban was an undercover soldier operating deep in the heart of the Gaza Strip. Trained in martial arts, infiltration, interrogation, espionage, and urban warfare, the members of the Samson unit spoke the Strip's language. They wore their clothes. Their mission, to strike at the heart of the Gaza terrorist network. Get in, gather intel, make the arrests, and get out. Untouchable invisible until now.

The Ghosts of Rafah is a rare, first-of-its-kind look into Samson's undercover operating unit, deep in the heart of the Gaza Strip, one of the world's most volatile conflict zones.

MARKETING POTENTIAL AND UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

AUTHENTIC AND RARE PERSPECTIVE



The "Samson" (Shimshon) unit—which operated in the Gaza Strip during the 1980s and 1990s—remains far less known to the general public. The book offers a rare, unfiltered look into undercover (Masta'aravim) operations in Gaza's strip refugee camps (Jabalia, Rafah, Khan Yunis).

ACTION + PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPTH



The book does not focus solely on daring tactical operations; it openly addresses the mental toll, trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and the complex moral and human dilemmas faced by the soldiers.

ADAPTATION POTENTIAL



The chapter structure and vivid visual storytelling make the book an ideal candidate for film or TV drama adaptations (similar to Fauda or The Green Prince).

TARGET AUDIENCES SEGMENTATION



Fans of international action, espionage, and security drama series (Fauda, Tehran, The Spy).



Military and Security Community

Veterans, special forces operators, and security personnel worldwide who relate to combat experiences, brotherhood, and unit culture.



Readers Interested in the **Israeli-Palestinian Conflict** & Middle East History. Seeking to understand the roots of the conflict in the Gaza Strip, the profile of undercover operators, and the reality of the First Intifada.



Mental Health & PTSD Recovery Reader Audiences looking for human-centered stories on dealing with combat trauma, invisible wounds, and the journey of veterans rebuilding their lives.

A PROVEN ISRAELI **BESTSELLER**, NOW AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH.

The gripping true story that captured Israel's bestseller lists—combining the Gold-certified, *Deep in Gaza*, and, *In the Heart of Gaza*, into one definitive volume for international readers.

Mandatory Reading at the IDF Officers School (Bahad 1): *Deep in Gaza* was selected as mandatory reading for cadet officers at the IDF Officers Training School, highlighting its immense educational, tactical, and leadership value for the next generation of Israeli commanders.

Gold Book Certification: *Deep in Gaza* achieved official Gold Book status in Israel, a prestigious publishing industry benchmark recognizing exceptional sales performance and widespread popular demand.

Critical & Reader Acclaim: The books have earned widespread praise from military personnel, security experts, literary critics, and general readers alike for their raw authenticity, high-stakes operational realism, and deeply candid exploration of the psychological toll of combat.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR TOMER TZABAN

Since the publication of his first book, *Deep in Gaza*, **Tomer Tzaban** has become a highly sought-after interviewee in local and international media, as well as a leading commentator on Israel's undercover counter-terrorism units (Masta'aravim). Tzaban went on to publish two additional books on the undercover operations: *In the Heart of Gaza*, and his latest release, *Masta'aravim in Gaza*. All three books became immediate bestsellers upon release and continue to break sales records as of this writing.

Tomer Tzaban two first books were translated and combined into a single English book, titled, *The Ghosts of Rafah*, which is available on Amazon. My dream is that my book, *The Ghosts of Rafah*, will eventually be adapted into a television series, much like the hit show, *Fauda*, which is currently airing its fifth season worldwide.

READERS PRAISE LITERARY REVIEWS ON AMAZON



Tomer Tzaban delivers raw, intense stories from Gaza operations that reveal the danger, moral complexity, and high-stakes reality of covert missions. It's tense, eye-opening, and unflinching.

What really works is the sense of credibility. giving the book weight and seriousness that a lot of books in this genre lack.

If you do not read this first-person memoir, you cannot truly appreciate the entire story of Israel's survival. It reads like Le Carré, but it is a true tale.

Tzaban delivers a powerful, eye-opening account that reads with the urgency of a thriller, that lingers long after the final page.

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