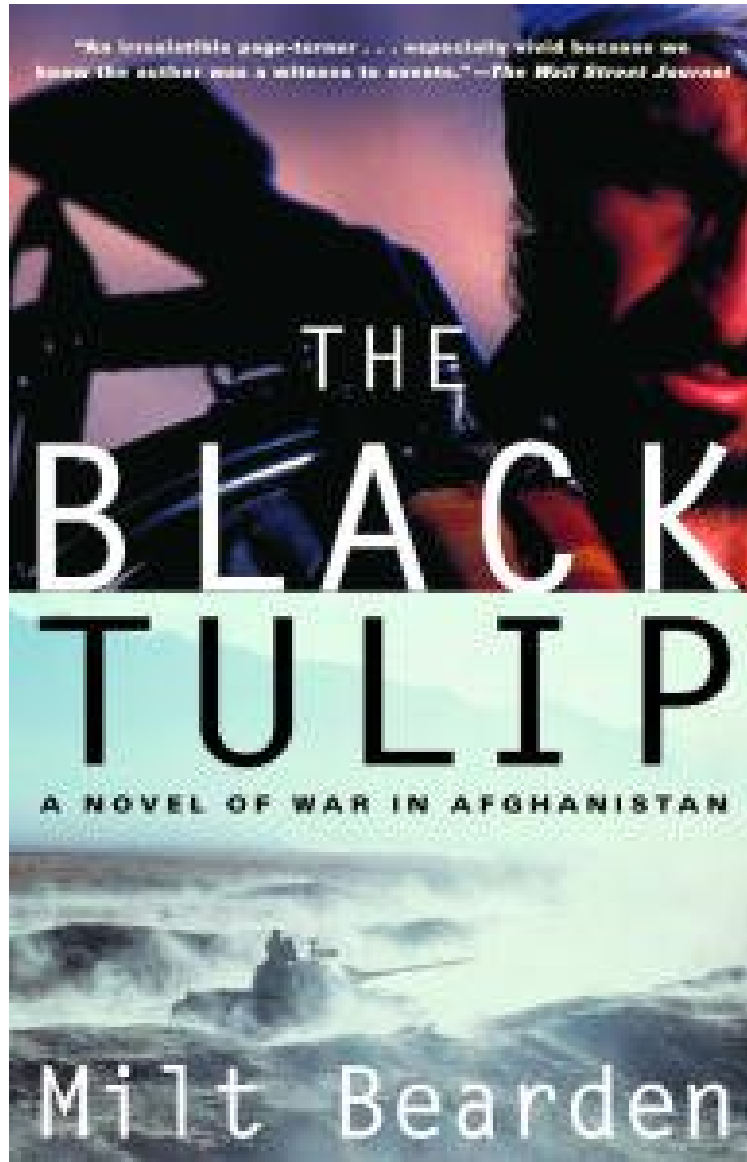


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**Von Milton Bearden : The Black Tulip: A Novel of War in Afghanistan** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Black Tulip: A Novel of War in Afghanistan:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. great book giving background of little understood warVon Ein KundeThis book started out slow for me, partly because I knew so little about the Russian war in Afghanistan. After I became familiar with the people and places, the

geographical area and the CIA, the book was quick to read and gave a background, in a suspenseful way, to this conflict. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fun read, but a tad too much coincidence in the plot. Von Ein Kunde The Black Tulip was a fun book to read. Lots of action and great detail about the operations. The one unfortunate fact of the book is that the plot weaves a series of unrealistic coincidences (relationships) together. 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The war scenes are an accurate portrayal. Von Ein Kunde In the Afgan war the USSR faced it's Vietnam. It was a war of attrition that we were winning until the stinger missiles shifted the advantage to the rebels. The unflawed western characters and the coincidences of relationship between advisaries is unrealistic, but the story of the conflict and the characters who participated in the actual life and death struggles was very well done. Maybe this is so because the author was in charge of the Afgan rebel force.

Kurzbeschreibung Set in the treacherous mountains of Afghanistan and the equally hazardous headquarters of the CIA Operations Directorate in Washington, The Black Tulip is a fast-paced thriller, based on real events, by the legendary spy who masterminded the plot to arm Afghan freedom fighters in their holy war against the Soviets. A longtime veteran of the CIA, Bearden knows the tricks of the trade, the price of honor, the bonds of blood, and the enduring lure of retribution. From Kirkus s Set mostly in Afghanistan during the Soviet Unions ill-fated invasion, a first novel by the man who ran the CIA's covert operation there. Clearly, Bearden knows whereof he speaks and can well follow the zigs and zags of geopolitical maneuvering, not to mention having an easy familiarity with sophisticated weaponry. When he details a high-tech rescue operation on behalf of beleaguered Afghan freedom fighters, you believe every word as he convincingly captures the excitement and terror of war. Bearden's swiftness and sureness of pacing draw the reader in, but good storytelling also needs alluring characters whom readers can care about and while his story clamors for rounded, complex people, Bearden doesn't supply them. The plot here centers on negotiations over a captured Soviet lieutenant who turns out to be the son of the Soviet commanding general. Helping the Afghans is Alexander Fannin, half Russian, half Ukrainian, and a naturalized American. Fannin is a former CIA officer and also a dedicated idealist whos convinced the Afghan cause is just. On the opposite side is Anatoly Klimenko, a KGB colonel who just happens to have a close tie to Fannin, the nature of which will come as a surprise to both, though perhaps less so to the alert reader. These are men of sterling character, unflinching courage, endless resourcefulness and an unfortunate absence of warts. What Beardens story desperately needs is someone like a George Smiley, who can be fooled, even betrayed, and whose vulnerability will make a reader root for his survival and rejoice in his occasional triumphs. Still, a better-than-average debut thriller from a writer who, next time out, may be willing to swap some technological complexity for the human kind. (Author tour) -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From Library Journal In this debut, Bearden draws on his experience as the CIA officer in charge of the covert war in Afghanistan to craft a thriller about a former CIA officer in Afghanistan who must hook up with a KGB colonel. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.