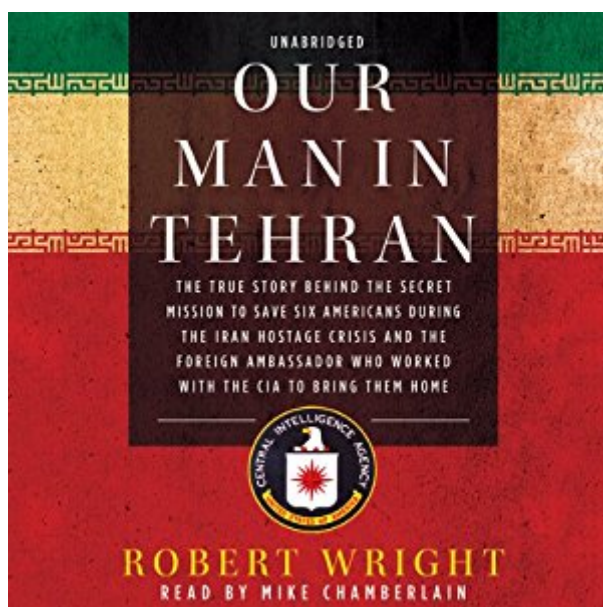


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# Our Man In Tehran



## Synopsis

The True Story behind the Secret Mission to Save Six Americans during the Iran Hostage Crisis and the Foreign Ambassador Who Worked with the CIA to Bring Them Home The world watched with fear in November 1979, when Iranian students infiltrated and occupied the American embassy in Tehran. The Americans were caught entirely by surprise, and what began as a swift and seemingly short-lived takeover evolved into a crisis that would see 54 embassy personnel held hostage, most for 444 days. As Tehran exploded in a fury of revolution, six American diplomats secretly escaped. For three months, Ken Taylor, the Canadian ambassador to Iran-along with his wife and embassy staffers-concealed the Americans in their homes, always with the prospect that the revolutionary government of Ayatollah Khomeini would exact deadly consequences. The United States found itself handcuffed by a fractured, fundamentalist government it could not understand and had completely underestimated. With limited intelligence resources available on the ground and anti-American sentiment growing, President Carter turned to Taylor to work with the CIA in developing their exfiltration plans. Until now, the true story behind Taylor's involvement in the escape of the six diplomats and the Eagle Claw commando raid has remained classified. In *Our Man in Tehran*, Robert Wright takes us back to a major historical flashpoint and unfolds a story of cloak-and-dagger intrigue that brings a new understanding of the strained relationship between the United States and Iran. With the world once again focused on these two countries, this book is the stuff of John le Carré and Daniel Silva made real.

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## Customer Reviews

Very lucidly written history of Ken Taylor's brief time as Canadian Ambassador to Iran at the time of the revolution - a real page turner. Reveals for the first time that Ambassador Taylor did more than just shelter the six Americans who were outside of the US embassy when it was taken over. At Jimmy Carter's behest, through the Canadian government and at great personal risk, he and his colleagues provided crucial intelligence information to the CIA for the later attempt to rescue all of the hostages. In vivid detail, the book also reveals the many missteps of the Carter Administration, some inadvertent, some naive. The descriptions of the chaos of that period in the Iranian revolution gives an interesting perspective to the current political unrest in Iran.

Our Man In Tehran is a very insightful detailed account of the events that happened during the hostage crisis. Robert Wright has laid out what happened in a manner that can be easily followed and understood. This is the second time I have read this. The first was to learn the correct facts as opposed to those represented in the movie "Argo". This time it was because of the recent passing of Ken Taylor. It seemed like a good way to keep him in mind. It is my opinion this book should be mandatory reading in high school.

Have to say this Gen X'er never knew the abusive treatment of US hostages. Blew my mind on what went down in the compound. This book is a fab read. God bless President Carter, White House staff, US Diplomatic Core, Canadian External Affairs, Joe Clarke and Ken Taylor's Family and Embassy Team. My kids will read this book, reinforce the goodness and humility of the Americans and Canadians in this troubled political world.

Very thorough, in depth documentation of the rescue of six American diplomats during the Iran hostage crisis. Makes the Taylor heroism even more stark, placing their own lives at risk both by sheltering the Americans and, unpublicized until now, by providing information via diplomatic challenges to help with the rescue attempt of all hostages. The diplomatic history of this turbulent time and Mr. Wright's insights make fascinating reading.

This well researched and written book tells the story of the actions taken by Canadian Ambassador Ken Taylor in 1979 and 1980 that saved the lives of six American diplomats hiding in Teheran after the takeover of the US Embassy by terrorists.

I'm Canadian. It's a bit of a flag waver but a good detailed account. Book solid book to read on a

plane.

I loved reading about the incident that was brought to the silver screen as ARGO from the Canadian perspective. It gave a much fuller account of the times and mess that America had gotten into with Iran, without American bias. It is a very readable story that does not drag or get bogged down in minutia. The Canadian embassy staff and Ambassador well deserved their kudos and American appreciation.

This gives a detailed account of what really happened when US embassy staff were moved from hiding out of Iran after the student take over of the US embassy in 1978. It differs from the account in the film "Argo" and mentions several people other than the C.I.A who were integral in making the operation a success. Well written and enthralling for anyone with a knowledge of the Middle East.

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