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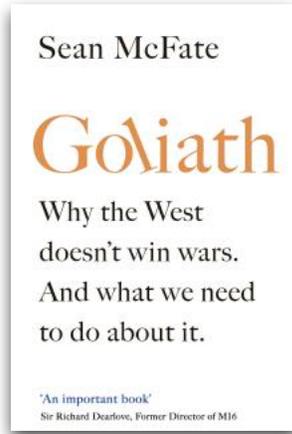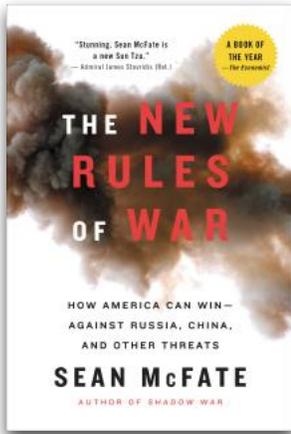
In the world of international business, McFate was a Vice President at TD International, a boutique political risk consulting firm with offices in Washington, Houston, Singapore and Zurich. Additionally, he was a program manager at DynCorp International, a business consultant at BearingPoint (now Deloitte Consulting), and an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

McFate authored *The New Rules of War: How America Can Win—Against Russia, China, and Other Threats* (Morrow), hailed as the "The Freakonomics of modern warfare." It has been translated into nine languages, and was named a "Book of the Year" by *The Economist* and is included on West Point's "Commandant's Reading List." Admiral Jim Stavridis, the former NATO Supreme Allied Commander, said: "Sean McFate is a new Sun Tzu." In the U.K it is titled: *Goliath: Why the West Doesn't Win Wars. And What We Need to Do About It* (Penguin). McFate also authored *The Modern Mercenary: Private Armies and What They Mean for World Order* (Oxford Univ Press)*, which *Foreign Affairs* called "essential reading."

McFate is also a successful novelist, and his fiction has been translated into multiple languages. The *Tom Locke Series* is based on his own military experiences, and #1 *New York Times* bestselling author James Patterson said: "Sean McFate just might be the next Tom Clancy, only I think he's even better."

Additionally, he has written for the *New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, The Atlantic, The Hill, The New Republic, Foreign Policy, Politico, Daily Beast, Vice Magazine, War on the Rocks, Military Review* and *African Affairs*. He has appeared on CNN's Amanpour, Morning Joe, Fox and Friends, MSNBC, Fox, CBS, Sky News, NPR, BBC, WSJ, FT, Economist, Vice/HBO, The Discovery Channel, and The History Channel. As a scholar, he has solo-authored 18 academic articles, and two monographs for the U.S. Department of Defense.

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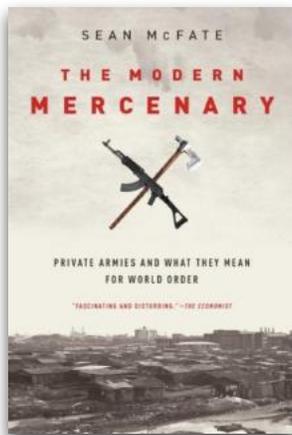
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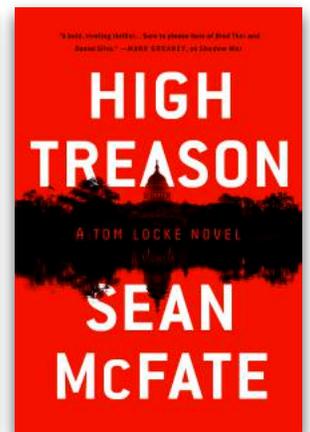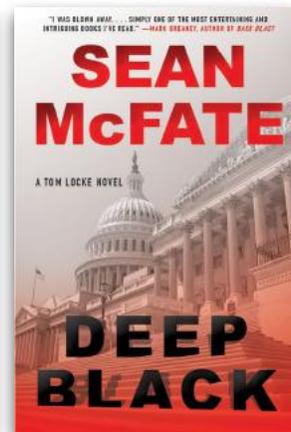
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