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America's Best Battlefield Reporter Finds Petraeus's Iraq Strategy a Huge Success...

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Never underestimate the American soldier.

That's the moral of former Green Beret Michael Yon's brilliant battle-by-battle, block-by-block account of how America's new 'greatest generation' is turning defeat and disaster into victory and hope in Iraq.

Renowned for what the *Boston Herald* calls his “vivid”, “shocking” and “mesmerizing” coverage, Michael Yon offers the **first comprehensive, uncensored, and brutally honest** look at what is *really* happening in Iraq—a story that no one else can deliver.

Shunning the safety of Baghdad's Green Zone from which too many reporters cover the war, Yon takes his readers straight into combat. No reporter has logged more combat time in Iraq than Yon, according to the *New York Times*. Yon's gutsy approach earned him the trust of America's fighting soldiers, giving him unparalleled inside sources.

In a startling new book, *Moment of Truth in Iraq*, Yon reveals how we are winning the war in Iraq, not primarily with our overwhelming technology, not with shock-and-awe destruction, but with the even more powerful force of American values—with the courage and leadership, strength and compassion, of soldiers who know both how to kill the bad guy and comfort the child.

Yon has never been co-opted by anyone—Left or Right, Military or Media. For better or worse, Yon tells it straight. When a failed American strategy drove loyal Iraqi citizens into the arms of terrorists, Yon sounded the alarm. In 2005 Yon was the first American reporter to write that Iraq had descended into civil war, imperiling our entire mission. No one has more credibility reporting on the dramatic turnaround led by General David Petraeus. Yon shows how General Petraeus is rewriting American military doctrine to win not only the war, but also the peace in Iraq.



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Moment of Truth in Iraq is packed with Yon's trademark, often heart-rending battlefield stories:

- Meet the U.S. soldier, who instead of moving into sniper position after terrorists detonated a car bomb, rushed a fatally wounded little Iraqi girl to the medics. And meet the U.S. major who raced her to the hospital cradling her in his arms all along the way.
- Follow the exploits of the great "Deuce Four" Battalion that became the center of a "warrior cult" dreaded by terrorists and revered by Iraqis.
- See **exclusive shocking photographs** documenting the horrors of this war and the heroism of both American troops and the Iraqi people.
- Meet the Iraqis in the Dora district of Baghdad who worked tirelessly to reopen a Christian church. On November 15, 2007 when St. John's reopened for its first mass. The front pews were filled with Muslims who hope their Christians neighbors soon will come home.
- Think Iraqi soldiers can't fight? Read about the elite Iraqi SWAT team taking down a terror cell for the murder of four American soldiers and a brave Iraqi guide.
- Think Americans are occupiers, not liberators, of Iraq? Tell that to the wounded Iraqi interpreter, who, convinced he was about to die, begged his U.S. commander to have his heart cut out and buried in America.
- Learn why so many Iraqi boys dream of becoming American soldiers. Brutalized by Saddam for decades, Iraqis hungered for strength entwined with justice and tempered by mercy. The American soldier delivered.

In *Moment of Truth in Iraq*, Yon strongly warns that a precipitous troop withdrawal would reverse all of our gains, with catastrophic results. The Iraqi Army and the U.S. Military have forged an unprecedented alliance—together they are fighting and winning this war. All across Iraq businesses are reopening, children are going back to school, and neighborhoods are being rebuilt. There is tremendous hope. For America to pull out now—at such a pivotal juncture—would not only be disastrous for Iraq but for America as well.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Internationally renowned for his battlefield dispatches and exclusive photographs seen by millions around the world, **former Green Beret Michael Yon** is the most authentic battlefield reporter working today. Yon, who has spent more time embedded with U.S. combat forces in Iraq than any journalist in the world, is totally independent and not affiliated with any media organization, except his own Michael Yon Online. Yon's blunt reporting often angered the top brass. But our fighting soldiers trust Michael Yon and point him to the hottest spots and biggest stories.

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