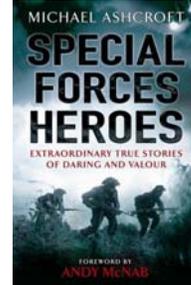


Special Forces Heroes: Extraordinary True Stories of Daring and Valour

by Michael Ashcroft



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From the bestselling author of *Victoria Cross Heroes* comes *Special Forces Heroes* which is published to coincide with Remembrance Sunday and a 4-part channel *five* documentary series in November.

Over the past century, Britain's Special Forces have performed a host of operations with unequalled skill, secrecy and bravery. From the Cockleshell Heroes' daring 1942 raid deep into Nazi-occupied Europe, to the rescue of hostages from the clutches of terrorists at the Iranian Embassy in 1980, to the dangerous sorties into enemy territory during the Gulf Wars, their actions epitomise heroism.

Fascinated by bravery since he was a boy, Michael Ashcroft has assembled what is believed to be the largest private collection of British Special Forces medals in the world. Here, he traces the origins of those teams as well as detailing the action-packed accounts behind over forty medals, so recognising in *Special Forces Heroes* the astonishing valour and ingenuity displayed by servicemen.

This is a much-deserved tribute to the countless extraordinary feats performed by countless extraordinary men. Michael Ashcroft is donating his author royalties from the book to Help For Heroes, www.helpforheroes.org.uk, a charity providing support for the servicemen and women wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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