



Israel's Edge

The Story of Talpiot The IDF's Most Elite Unit

by Jason Gewirtz



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Book Review

Reviewed by Ray Simmons for Readers' Favorite

I have never been to Israel but I admire the people and the nation very much. I have trained alongside Israeli soldiers and have nothing but respect for the Israeli fighting man. I'm sure these positive attitudes are part of the reason I enjoyed Israel's Edge: The Story of the IDF's Most Elite Unit - Talpiot by Jason Gewirtz so much. Aside from my positive attitude, Israel's Edge is a well written look at how a new and vital department of the Israeli military came into being and its huge impact on the military as well as society. I learned a lot about a country that I have always been interested in and the detailed descriptions of wars, historic meetings, and momentous decisions rang true.

It is obvious from the first page that Jason Gewirtz researched this topic thoroughly. I read quite a lot of military books, both fiction and non-fiction, but I had never heard of Talpiot, which is now Israel's most elite unit. It was fascinating to read how a professor, motivated only by the desire to serve his country by bringing into existence a critically needed unit, slowly worked his way up the chain of command and finally presented his idea to the man that could make it a reality. Israeli civilian and military culture combine and strengthen each other in a way that is unique and absolutely essential, given the country's precarious military situation. The rest - as they say - is history, exciting history, and Jason Gewirtz tells that history very well.