

CITY OF DEATH

HUMANITARIAN WARRIORS IN THE BATTLE OF MOSUL

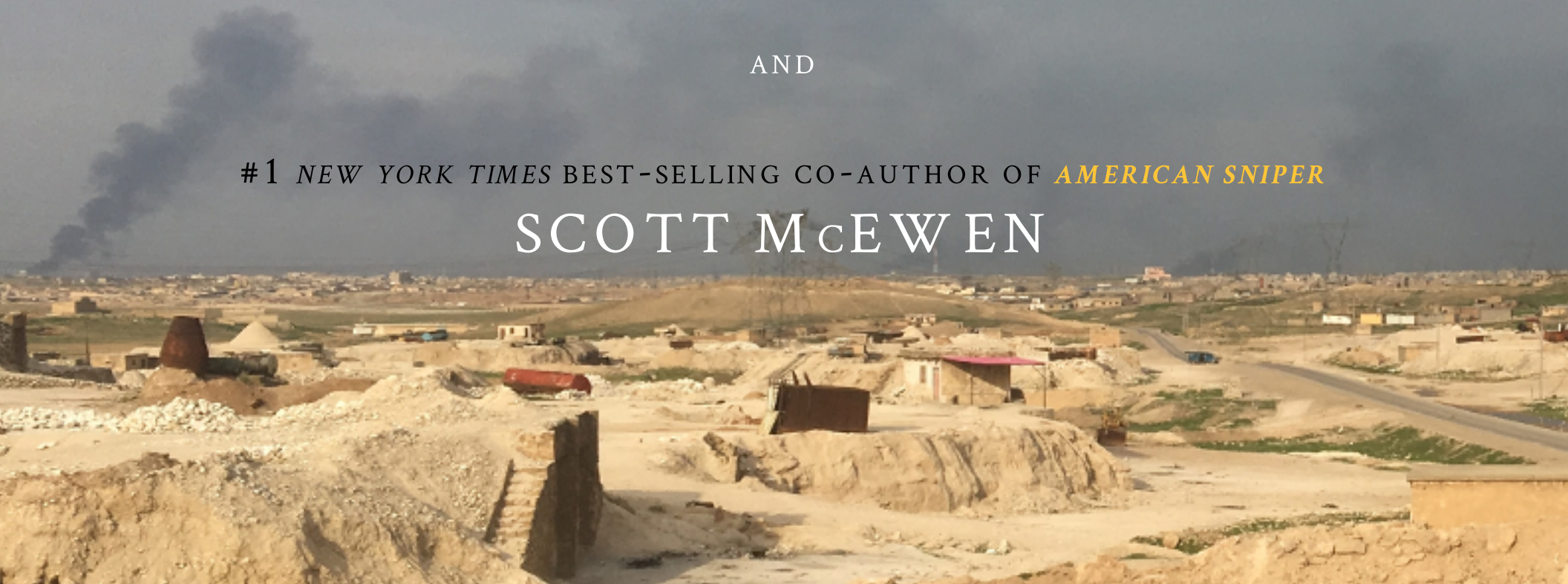
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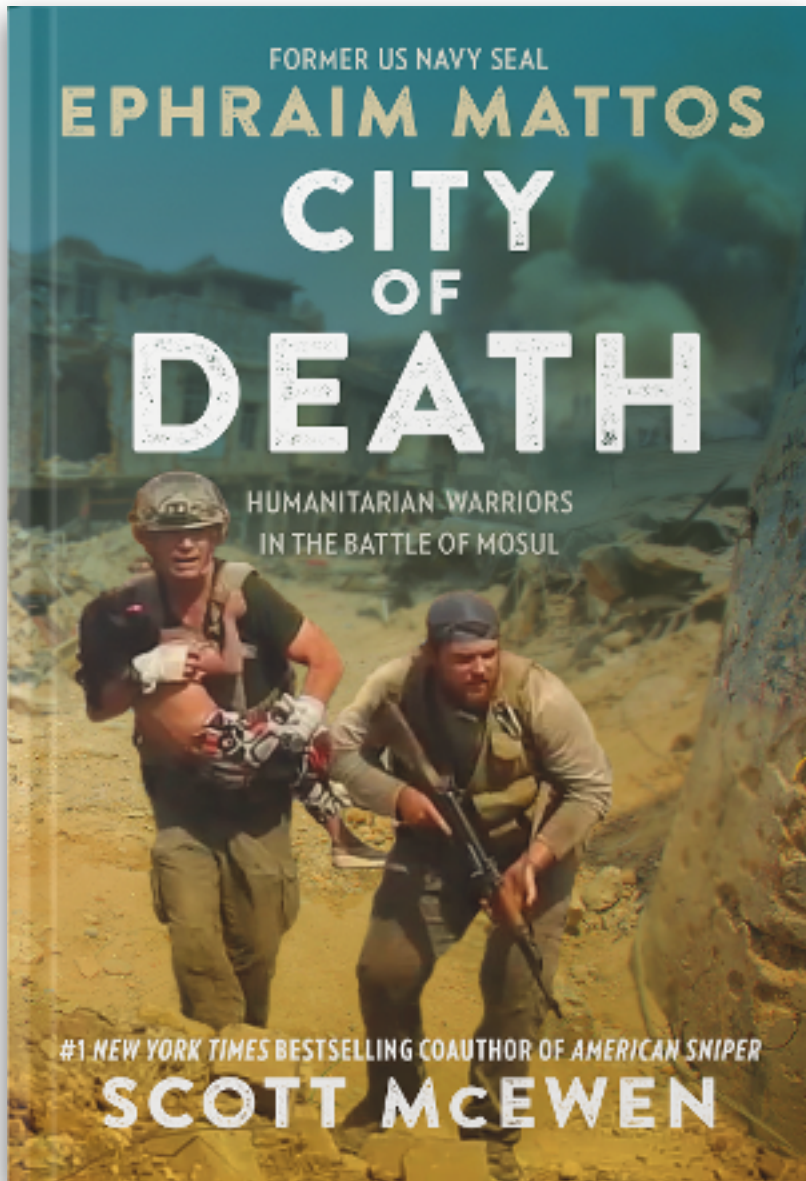
EPHRAIM MATTOS

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#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BEST-SELLING CO-AUTHOR OF **AMERICAN SNIPER**

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SYNOPSIS

THIS IS THE TRUE STORY of Ephraim Mattos, a 24 year-old former US Navy SEAL, and what he witnessed while volunteering as a frontline combat medic during the historic battle to retake Mosul from ISIS (the deadliest urban combat the world has seen since WWII), until he was shot by ISIS after volunteering for a suicidal rescue mission to save a little girl trapped in a pile of bodies from an ISIS massacre.

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SUMMARY

AFTER LEAVING THE US NAVY SEAL TEAMS in spring of 2017, Ephraim Mattos, age twenty-four, flew to Iraq to join a small group of volunteer humanitarians known as the Free Burma Rangers, who were working on the frontlines of the war on ISIS.

UNTIL BEING SHOT BY ISIS ON A SUICIDAL RESCUE MISSION, Mattos witnessed unexplainable acts of courage and sacrifice by the Free Burma Rangers, who, while under heavy machine gun and mortar fire, assaulted across ISIS minefields, used themselves as human shields, and sprinted down ISIS-infested streets - all to retrieve wounded civilians.

MATTOS RECOUNTS IN VIVID DETAIL WHAT HE SAW and felt while he and the other Free Burma Rangers evacuated the wounded, conducted rescue missions, and at times fought shoulder-to-shoulder with the Iraqi Army against ISIS. Filled with raw and emotional descriptions of what it's like to come face-to-face with death, this is the harrowing and uplifting true story of a small group of men who risked everything to save the lives of the Iraqi people and who followed the credence, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

CAUGHT ON CAMERA

VIDEO FOOTAGE OF EPHRAIM MATTOS BEING SHOT BY ISIS and participating in the rescue of a little Iraqi girl, went viral on the internet in summer 2017. The video of the rescue was shown on multiple international media outlets such as CNN, Fox News, CBS, and Channel 4 News, as well as dozens of other media outlets. Across all media outlets, the video of the rescue has racked up an estimated **more than 75-million views**.

Footage of the rescue, and Ephraim speaking about the event to a local TV station in Milwaukee, can be seen by [clicking here](#).*

SCREEN SHOTS



* If the provided link does not work, copy and paste the following URL into your internet browser:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3P0pZvn22xk>

REVIEWS

"In combat it's not about the number of lives you take, it's about the number of lives you save. Ephraim did not only fight the toughest terrorists in the world during the Battle of Mosul, but he also saved numerous innocent Iraqi lives. He is the true definition of an American freedom fighter."

— *Hamody Jasim, Sgt. Major Iraqi Army (Ret.) and author of The Terrorist Whisperer*

"Ephraim Mattos has demonstrated a rare level of public virtue and commitment to humanity. CITY OF DEATH is a sobering reminder of the challenges we face on this earth, but stories like Ephraim's inspire us to press on. Books detailing the lives of Special Forces heroes are not uncommon these days. However, Ephraim's unique story of combat and sacrifice AFTER leaving the military will leave a lasting impression on the reader."

— *Tim Ballard, Founder & CEO of Operation Underground Railroad*

"Ephraim's story is a taut real-life thriller. His vivid and brilliantly reported account of events on the front-lines gives the reader a real dose of reality. He has a unique way of storytelling that makes this book a page-turner."

— *Rudolph Atallah, Lt Colonel (Ret), Former Africa Counter-terrorism Director, Office of the Secretary of Defense*



Photo by Ephraim Mattos
From *City of Death*

ABOUT THE AUTHORS



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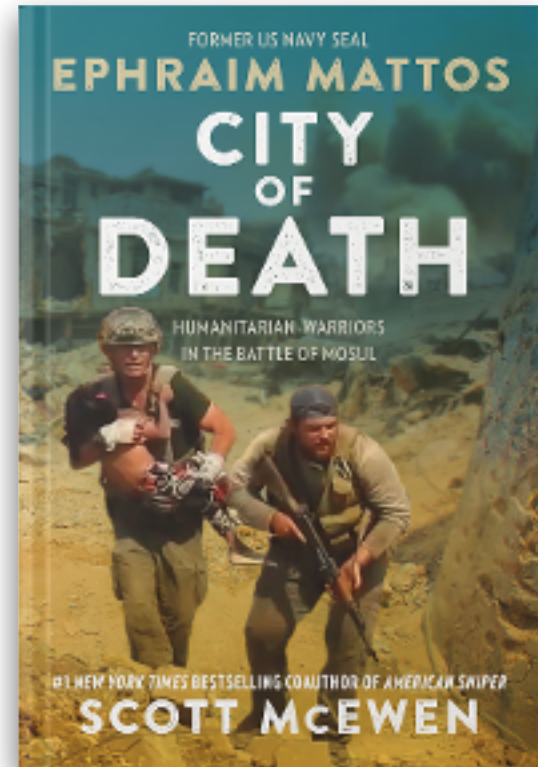
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