Enemies: How America's Foes Steal Our Vital Secrets - And How We Let It Happen
Synopsis

In this explosive new book, acclaimed investigative reporter Bill Gertz reveals how terrorist organizations and enemy nations like Communist China, North Korea, Russia, and Cuba—not to mention some so-called friends—are taking advantage of gaping holes in America’s defenses to steal our most vital secrets to use them against us. Gertz’s unrivaled access to the US intelligence and defense communities takes us deep inside the dark world of intelligence and counterintelligence—a world filled with lies, betrayal, and moles burrowing within the FBI, the CIA, the Pentagon, and even the White House. --This text refers to the Audio CD edition.

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Customer Reviews

Bill Gertz explains clearly the rationale for improving America’s counterintelligence. He throws out all political correctness that has put us in this current situation. Gertz is a better man for exposing these problems in our intelligence community. Now they may get fixed properly. Gertz can not believe that the Intelligence community has not changed many of its tactics since 9/11. Gertz points out the lack of intelligence in Iraq before the war began. He describes the problem with bureaucracy and its blocking of new changes. Gertz in each chapter describes a spy case that has happened in the past decades. Some points that jumped out at me in the book.1.) Chinese spies put out disinformation campaigns to the U.S government.2.) The U.S has not changed its approach to China since the end of the Cold War.3.) A 2005 report on China is blasted by Gertz as “fundamentally wrong”.4.) How can the U.S do business with such an oppressive regime like China?5.) A spy that stole American
valuable weapons technology such as the Rail gun and Quiet Electric Drive. The spy’s plan was to execute “Assassin’s Mace”: “select technology and weaponry that allows a smaller, weaker military power to defeat a larger, stronger one.” This spy also stole plans on a next generation destroyer known as DDX. Gertz states that China is so interested in our Navy because war with China would mean the Navy would be a primary factor. Gertz also discusses Russian spies like Aldrich Ames and Hanssen. Ames as a spy revealed more than one hundred covert American operations and betrayed more than thirty sources. Asan Akbar: Muslim U.S soldier attacked U.S soldiers at Camp Pennsylvania.

It will never happen, of course. Real investigative reporters who don’t disguise their love and concern for the United States, folks like Bill Gertz and Bill Sammon will never gain the respect and votes of the Pulitzer Prize committee. They preserve their votes for people like Walter Duranty, who denied there was famine in the Ukraine and won a Lenin Prize in addition to his Pulitzer. Gertz is concerned for America’s safety. As he puts it “[u]ntil we fix the gaping holes in our defenses, America will remain highly vulnerable to our enemies.” And after reading this book, if you weren’t already worried, you will be. Anyone who has visited a government office, whether to renew their driver’s license, pay their property taxes, mail a package or whatever, knows that governments do not hire the cream of the crop. What happens when second, third and fourth rate people are hired by the CIA, the FBI and other security agencies? Uh, you get second, third or fourth rate performance in situations where the stakes are very, very high: like the preservation of the nation’s secrets. Gertz details scandals resulting from the incompetence of the CIA and FBI. A Chinese woman has two lovers, both FBI agents. She’s one of their prized informants - and a spy for the Chinese government. The investigation of her is muddled and she walks. The FBI spends years persecuting a CIA agent suspected of being a spy. They have no real evidence, but the harassment is non-stop. Their big clue is the CIA employee’s proximity to a particular park.

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