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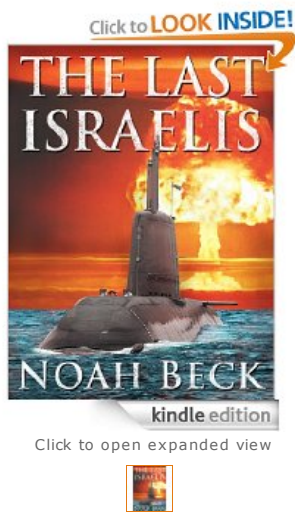
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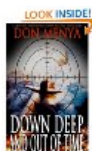
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Gripping, chilling...brings to mind..."Crimson Tide," "The Hunt For Red October" and "U-571." You'll feel like you're on the sub with the world on the brink of disaster. No matter what political side you're on, it's a must-read.

...Don't start reading this novel if you have somewhere to be. You'll probably miss your appointment.

#### -- Alan Zeitlin, in NY Blueprint

"The Last Israelis" is full of surprises and unpredictable twists. The story has enough page-turning naval action to qualify as a military and geopolitical novel about a Middle East Armageddon, but it also entertains under the genre of psychological thrillers. The submarine space in which most of the story takes place provides a kind of social experiment that is more intense and compelling than any reality show: 35 men from completely diverse backgrounds who must survive or die together under regular and sometimes life-threatening challenges.

In addition to all of the human drama, the novel has a deeply philosophical element that provides all of the deliberative suspense of "Twelve Angry Men." The diverse submariners must struggle with the weightiest of moral questions as they vigorously debate how to make the toughest decision of their lives.

#### -- Max Shaw in Israel National News

The book provides a picture of Israelis at work in one of the most claustrophobic and intense environments in the world -- weeks at a time in a submerged submarine in hostile waters...How each man got to be a member of the submarine force is part of the story, and [the] crew's diversity serves as an explanation for the views held in [their] debates on...the proper Israeli strategy.

"The Last Israelis" is a great read on a subject as current as the headlines, and the book poses a situation where none of the choices are good or easy.

#### -- Richard Baehr in American Thinker

[The novel paints] a frightening picture of what the world could look like after Iran goes nuclear: a doomed Middle East with a nightmare scenario that hopefully never leaves the realm of fiction.

Most of the Armageddon thriller takes place aboard the Dolphin submarine, Israel's "second-strike" answer to the existential threat posed by a nuclear Iran...The Dolphin's crew members – and their discussions – are fascinating because they reflect the complexity and diversity of Israeli society.

There are descendants of Holocaust survivors; native Arabic speakers (one Christian and one Druze); the son of Persian Jews who escaped from the Iranian revolution of 1979; an Ethiopian who crossed Sudan by foot as a child to reach Israel; religious Jews who serve on a mostly secular crew; the atheist son of a Soviet Refusenik; a submariner who holds staunchly right-wing views and another who secretly attends leftist rallies; and a homosexual whose parents were among the Vietnamese refugee boat-people saved by Israel in 1977.

How do all of these people get along during months away from home, living in close quarters, facing deadly threats at sea? Their voyage has enough naval action and drama to rival the suspense of a Tom Clancy novel.

But the book is also an intellectual thriller, featuring some riveting debates about war, ethics, geopolitics, religion, and the protection of minorities. The author does an excellent job of giving voice to every political and philosophical perspective, and thereby shows the depth, diversity, and nuance of the Israeli body politic.

#### -- Karen Brown in "Israel Today"

### About the Author

Noah Beck has been telling stories and writing creatively since he was a child growing up on the West Coast of the USA. Despite early literary leanings, his two Ivy League degrees (or, more precisely, the debt that accompanied them) diverted him to over a decade of corporate jobs. He kept his sanity with extensive journaling and globetrotting to over fifty countries, while maintaining a large collection of story ideas waiting to be developed when he finally decided to turn his real passion into a career. In 2012, world events provided the final catalyst that Noah needed to start writing full-time. As a news junkie concerned about the many dangers of a nuclear-armed Iran, Noah worried that time was running out for a solution to be found. With effective sanctions in place far too late and Iran skillfully manipulating diplomatic discussions to continue its nuclear enrichment activities, he feared that the international community might actually fail to stop the threat. Thus, Noah decided to drop everything, quit his job, and write a cautionary tale that highlights the perils of a nuclear Iran, in the hope of contributing to and influencing the public debate. The result of that effort is the military and psychological thriller titled "The Last Israelis."

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What's in this book is what Benjamin Netanyahu is thinking about. Right now.

This nuclear thriller couldn't be more timely, what with Iran getting closer to the bomb and escalating its smack talk against Israel, which meanwhile must try to remain in step with a United States tired of war, its leaders dreaming instead of making nice with the Muslim world.

The book follows the crew of a nuclear-armed Israeli submarine dispatched abruptly as Iran tensions dramatically escalate. A sister sub has been attacked by Iran. Just as he faces his toughest call, the Israeli Prime Minister is incapacitated with a stroke, a la Sharon. No spoilers here, but at some point the officers and crew find themselves having to make decisions they never thought they'd have to make.

In a way, it's a parable. It's not that long - half the length of a standard thriller - and focuses more on dialogue and characterization than on bang-bang. It would make a better play than movie.

Author Noah Beck doesn't spare the military hardware and is utterly convincing writing about sub operations. I don't know whether he ever served on one, in any case he did his homework, but this book isn't really about that. It's about the moral conflicts created by the possibility of nuclear war, a possibility Israel must face as getting closer every day.

And they're a heterogenous group, as much as the Israeli society they defend. We meet many of them - the crew only has 35 people - in some detail. There's the stalwart captain and his peacenik deputy, both grandchildren of Holocaust survivors but with radically different takeaways from that heritage. There's the one whose family was ripped to shreds by a suicide bomber's attack.... [Read more](#) >

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The Last Israelis is unlike any thriller I've read before, and I mean that in a (mostly) good way. Its basic setting and concept call to mind military thrillers like The Hunt for Red October, but Noah Beck approaches the storytelling craft in a unique way. Beck is less interested in penning intricate plot twists and pulse-pounding action scenes than he is in creating a plausible doomsday scenario that highlights the contemporary threat that Iran's nuclear ambitions pose



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