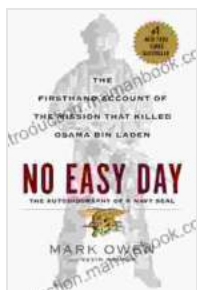


# The Firsthand Account Of The Mission That Killed Osama Bin Laden



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On May 2, 2011, a team of U.S. Navy SEALs raided a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and killed Osama bin Laden, the leader of al-Qaeda. The mission was the culmination of a years-long manhunt, and it was a major victory in the War on Terror.

In his book, *No Easy Day*, Mark Owen, one of the SEALs who participated in the raid, provides a firsthand account of the mission. Owen's account is gripping and suspenseful, and it offers a unique perspective on one of the most important events in recent history.

## The Planning

The planning for the raid began in earnest in March 2011, when the CIA provided the Obama administration with intelligence indicating that bin Laden was hiding in a compound in Abbottabad. The compound was heavily fortified, and it was clear that any attempt to raid it would be extremely dangerous.

The SEALs who were selected for the mission were among the most experienced and highly trained in the U.S. military. They spent months preparing for the raid, practicing every detail of the operation. They also studied the compound and its surroundings, and they developed a plan to minimize the risk of casualties.

## **The Raid**

The raid began on the night of May 1, 2011, when the SEALs boarded two helicopters and flew to Abbottabad. The helicopters landed near the compound, and the SEALs disembarked and moved into position.

The SEALs quickly breached the compound's outer wall and moved inside. They encountered some resistance from bin Laden's bodyguards, but they quickly overwhelmed them. The SEALs then moved through the compound, searching for bin Laden.

Bin Laden was found hiding in a bedroom on the third floor of the compound. The SEALs shot and killed him, and they then collected his body and returned to their helicopters.

## **The Aftermath**

The raid was a success, and bin Laden was killed. However, the mission was not without its casualties. One of the SEALs, Petty Officer First Class

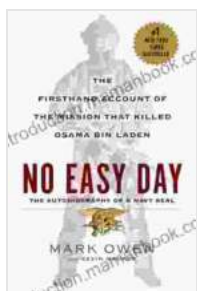
Neil C. Roberts, was killed during the raid. Roberts was the first American service member to be killed in action in Afghanistan since the beginning of the War on Terror.

The death of bin Laden was a major victory in the War on Terror. It was a significant blow to al-Qaeda, and it helped to bring the United States closer to achieving its goal of defeating the terrorist group.

The mission that killed Osama bin Laden was a complex and dangerous operation. It was a testament to the skill and courage of the SEALs who participated in it. The raid was a major victory in the War on Terror, and it helped to bring the United States closer to achieving its goal of defeating al-Qaeda.

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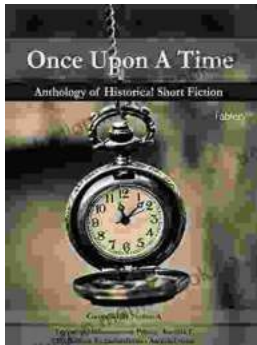
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