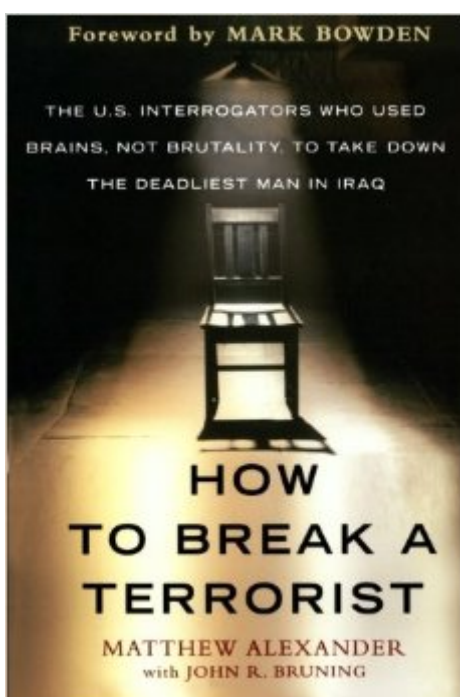


The book was found

# How To Break A Terrorist: The U.S. Interrogators Who Used Brains, Not Brutality, To Take Down The Deadliest Man In Iraq



## Synopsis

Finding Abu Musab al Zarqawi, the leader of Al Qaeda in Iraq, had long been the U.S. military's top priority—trumping even the search for Osama bin Laden. No brutality was spared in trying to squeeze intelligence from Zarqawi's suspected associates. But these "force on force" techniques yielded exactly nothing, and, in the wake of the Abu Ghraib scandal, the military rushed a new breed of interrogator to Iraq. Matthew Alexander, a former criminal investigator and head of a handpicked interrogation team, gives us the first inside look at the U.S. military's attempt at more civilized interrogation techniques—and their astounding success. Matthew and his team decided to get to know their opponents. Who were these monsters? Who were they working for? Every day the "haters" matched wits with a rogues' gallery of suspects brought in by Special Forces: egomaniacs, bloodthirsty adolescents, opportunistic stereo repairmen, Sunni clerics horrified by the sectarian bloodbath, al Qaeda fanatics, and good people in the wrong place at the wrong time. This account is an unputdownable thriller—more of a psychological suspense story than a war memoir—and a reminder that we don't have to become our enemy to defeat him.

## Book Information

Paperback: 304 pages

Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin; Original edition (July 19, 2011)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0312675119

ISBN-13: 978-0312675110

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.9 x 8.3 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars [See all reviews](#) (92 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #457,383 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #212 in [Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Leaders & Notable People > Military > Afghan & Iraq Wars > Iraq War](#) #511 in [Books > History > Military > Iraq War](#) #828 in [Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Specific Topics > Intelligence & Espionage](#)

## Customer Reviews

I've read a number of books on the Iraq War, from soldiers' memoirs to journalists' observations. "How to Break a Terrorist" stands alone from that group, as it gives an inside look into specific tactics on the most personal level. I can see why the book ruffled some feathers--it is a complete rejection of the ways of old, and the new methods expressed in it could certainly raise some

eyebrows. Creating relationships and developing mutual respect seems counter intuitive when dealing with mass murders. Why show respect to people who would just as easily blow you up as they would sit in a room with you? And indeed, the author's inner turmoil over this point, combined with his persistent dedication to the cause (nailing Al Zargawi) and trust in new methods of interrogation, is one of the more compelling subplots of the book. The characters we meet are fascinating. I won't talk too much about that, because you should read about them yourself, but the men he interrogates are all distinctly different, and the methods he uses change based on the subject, from the street peddlers up to the final link to Al Zargawi, whose breaking requires the most creative interrogation tactic of all. To make it even more interesting, the new methods aren't even entirely accepted by the other members of the interrogation team, who prefer control tactics instead--the office politics--set in a warzone--remind us that old ways die hard. Also, as someone who only has a view of the military from the outside, I was surprised to read about the structure of the interrogation unit. Matthew is a major, but his rank doesn't matter--one of the funnier exchanges comes within the book's first few pages, when an NCO asks him if he'll have a "hard f\*\*\*ing time" with a sergeant giving him orders.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

How to Break a Terrorist: The U.S. Interrogators Who Used Brains, Not Brutality, to Take Down the Deadliest Man in Iraq Fantasy Man: A Former NFL Player's Descent into the Brutality of Fantasy Football Kelley Blue Book Consumer Guide Used Car Edition: Consumer Edition July - September 2016 (Kelley Blue Book Used Car Guide Consumer Edition) How to Take Advantage of the People Who Are Trying to Take Advantage of You: 50 Ways to Capitalize on the System (Take the Advantage Book 1) Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea Police Brutality (Opposing Viewpoints) Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History Floodpath: The Deadliest Man-Made Disaster of 20th-Century America and the Making of Modern Los Angeles Vaccinated: One Man's Quest to Defeat the World's Deadliest Diseases They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times (Next Wave: New Directions in Women's Studies) The 9/11 Commission Report: Final Report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (Authorized Edition) The Blood of Lambs: A Former Terrorist's Memoir of Death and Redemption The West Tech Terrorist Jerusalem or Death: Palestinian Terrorism (Terrorist Dossiers) Monkey Business: An Adult Coloring Book (Take a Break to Create with Color) Coffee Designs: Take a Coffee Break! 50 Amazing Coffee And Superfood Patterns for Stress Free (Coffee Designs, Superfood Patterns, Stress Free) Time Off for

Good Behavior: How Hardworking Women Can Take a Break and Change Their Lives Finding  
Alpha: The Search for Alpha When Risk and Return Break Down

[Dmca](#)