

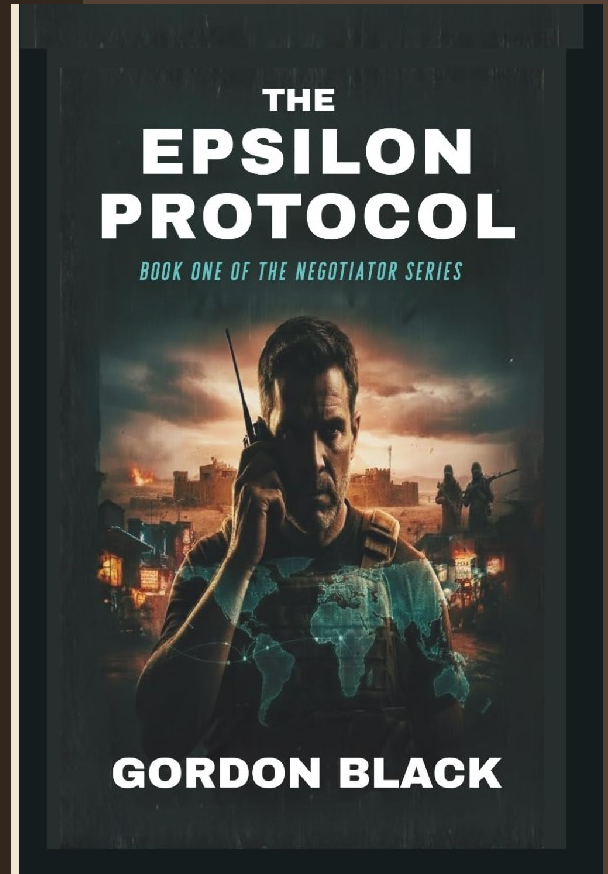
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## The Epsilon Protocol Places a Hostage Negotiator Between Terrorist Pressure and a Multinational Response

*Gordon Black's thriller follows an international negotiating team through a humanitarian kidnapping, political intrigue and the limits of diplomacy.*

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A kidnapped humanitarian team becomes the focus of an international emergency in Gordon Black's *The Epsilon Protocol: A Hostage Negotiator Thriller*, the first book in a three-book series. Set in the Middle East, the novel approaches the crisis through the work of a hostage negotiator confronting adversaries who use more than captivity as leverage. Intelligence, media and diplomacy all become instruments of pressure, with the hostages' lives at stake. Information on the series available at <https://www.mildviewpublishing.com/>

The assignment brings retired Inspector Landon Holt, an internationally renowned negotiation specialist, back into service. He must build a team drawing on retired colleagues from the FBI, Scotland Yard and the Australian Federal Police. Their task extends beyond dealing directly with the captors: the terrorists are manipulating information and diplomatic pressures as well as the people they hold, complicating decisions throughout the response.

As diplomatic options reach their limits, the negotiations intersect with a highly classified operation involving NATO and elite Special Operations Forces from the United States, United Kingdom and Canada. The scope expands from Holt's negotiating team to a multinational military response, connecting the effort to secure the hostages with decisions that carry consequences beyond the immediate emergency.

Black wrote the book to offer insight into international counter-terror hostage negotiations through fiction. That purpose gives the thriller a specific focus within its broader geopolitical setting: the psychological work of negotiation. Intelligence and special operations share space with the effort to negotiate under threat, bringing several forms of crisis response into one story. The emphasis is on negotiation within an international operation, rather than on military action alone.

Behind-the-scenes political intrigue adds another dimension to the book's treatment of terrorism. With the captors exploiting media and diplomacy, the emergency is also a struggle over information and political influence. This aspect of the novel offers readers interested in geopolitical suspense a point of entry beyond the kidnapping itself. The political pressures are part of the crisis Holt's team must navigate, not simply the setting around it.

Cooperation across national and institutional boundaries is a further focus, including interoperability among agencies from Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. The international composition of the negotiating team and the multinational military involvement give that subject concrete form. The book brings together organizations with different roles in the response, widening its perspective beyond the work of any single national agency.

For readers drawn to real-event-inspired thrillers in the vein of Tom Clancy and Brad Thor, or the geopolitical suspense associated with Vince Flynn, *The Epsilon Protocol* combines a negotiator-centered premise with intelligence, political maneuvering and special-operations elements. Its central professional perspective distinguishes that combination: an expert in hostage negotiation working inside a crisis with global consequences.

Gordon Black MSM draws inspiration for his stories from true events in his life. His fiction addresses international counter-terror hostage negotiations.

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