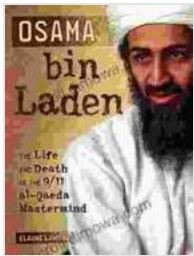


# The Life and Death of the 11 Al Qaeda Mastermind

By Steve Coll

On May 2, 2011, a team of Navy SEALs raided a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, and killed Osama bin Laden, the leader of Al Qaeda and the mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks. It was a dramatic end to a decade-long hunt for the world's most notorious terrorist.



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The story of bin Laden's life and death is a complex one, filled with twists and turns. He was born into a wealthy family in Saudi Arabia, but he became radicalized after witnessing the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. He traveled to Afghanistan to fight against the Soviets, and he eventually founded Al Qaeda, a terrorist organization dedicated to attacking the United States and its allies.

In 1998, Al Qaeda carried out bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa, killing 224 people. Two years later, Al Qaeda attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, killing nearly 3,000 people. Bin Laden became the world's most wanted man, and the United States launched a global campaign to hunt him down.

For years, bin Laden evaded capture. He hid in remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan, and he was protected by a network of loyal supporters. But the United States never gave up on its pursuit. In 2001, the CIA launched a drone campaign against Al Qaeda targets in Pakistan, and in 2003, U.S. forces invaded Iraq, where they believed bin Laden might be hiding.

In 2009, President Obama authorized a raid on a compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where intelligence officials believed bin Laden was hiding. The raid was carried out by a team of Navy SEALs, and it resulted in the death of bin Laden and four other people.

The death of bin Laden was a major victory in the fight against terrorism, but it did not end the threat of Al Qaeda. The group has continued to operate, and it remains a serious threat to the United States and its allies.

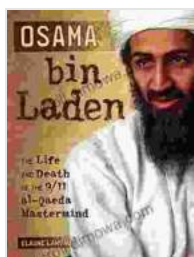
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