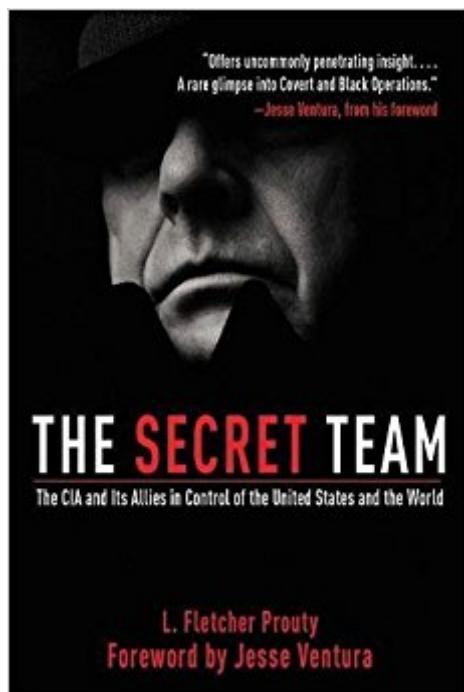


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# The Secret Team: The CIA And Its Allies In Control Of The United States And The World



## Synopsis

The Secret Team, L. Fletcher Prouty's expose of the CIA's brutal methods of maintaining national security during the Cold War, was first published in the 1970s. However, virtually all copies of the book disappeared upon distribution, having been purchased en masse by shady private buyers. • Certainly, Prouty's allegations such as how the U-2 Crisis of 1960 was fixed to sabotage Eisenhower-Khrushchev talk cannot have pleased the CIA. The Secret Team appears once more with a new introduction by Jesse Ventura.

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## Customer Reviews

L. Fletcher Prouty (1917-2001), a retired colonel of the U.S. Air Force, served as the chief of special operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Kennedy years. He was directly in charge of the global system designed to provide military support for the clandestine activities of the CIA. He was also the author of *The Secret Team: The CIA and Its Allies*. Jesse Ventura is the former governor of Minnesota and author of four national bestsellers, including *63 Documents the Government Doesn't Want You to Read* and *American Conspiracies*. Ventura is the host of the television show *Conspiracy Theory with Jesse Ventura* on truTV.

This is the apparently heavily edited re-release of one of the most mysterious conspiracy books and CIA exposés ever written, "The Secret Team" by L. Fletcher Prouty. First published in 1972 by Prentice-Hall, the original ran to three quick editions before disappearing completely from public

view by 1975. Many believed it was blacklisted and suppressed by the CIA. In this way it resembles that other conspiracy classic, Professor Carroll Quigley's "Tragedy and Hope." In fact, if one had the patience and desire (both of these books are quite long, convoluted and "wordy") I would recommend reading them in historical sequence. The revelations would be startling. And this is one reason why I like "The Secret Team" so much. Having studied conspiracy for over 30 years while working in government and, I now discover, serving as an unwitting foot-soldier of the secret team (I worked in intelligence, special operations and "peacetime operations" work among other things), I was missing a few pieces of the conspiracy puzzle which all fell into place neatly by the time I finished this book. Not only that, but the bizarre shenanigans of the Intelligence Community, particularly the FBI, CIA and, to a lesser extent, DHS during the 2016 election and the coterie of retired military men selected to serve in President Trump's cabinet all took on greater significance to me due to the revelations of this book. Anyway, I do recommend this but not without some warnings: - Some reviewers have remarked that this is a re-write and lacks the punch of the 1972 original. Fine, but the original is an extremely rare and pricey book indeed. This re-release does stand well on its own... if you take into consideration the next couple warnings... - This book is long and somewhat repetitious. This is a real problem if the governmental jargon and acronyms are new to you. I could see the value in much of the repetition... but this is very familiar material to me. It won't be for most readers. - Do your homework ahead of time. If you are weak in post-World War II through Vietnam era history you will be lost in the sauce in no time. Not for the casual reader! - This could benefit from an update given the way things have progressed since 1972. But Prouty is a man of his time (circa 1955-64) and isn't qualified to write such an update. But a "Secret Team Part 2" would be a nice sequel if the right researcher/insider could be found to author it. - This is not pop culture conspiracy stuff nor is it particularly left-wing or right-wing. Your biases may cause you to draw the wrong conclusions about Prouty's motives. You need to do a little research into national security policy and how it changed in the "CIA" years to appreciate some of his points. All that being said, I loved this book but it's definitely not for everyone. It would make a fine addition to any collection of Cold War, CIA, intelligence, conspiracy and/or Indochina War history. Ignore the one-star and two-star reviews by people who obviously never read it or are incapable of understanding it. And if you aren't prepared for the meaty stuff you find between its covers you can always give it a bad review and go back to Info-Wars, Coast-to-Coast Radio, the Truther blog-o-sphere or wherever else you came from. Or better yet, do some honest research and discover there is real treasure between these covers. Recommended.

an excellent addition to my library, i plan to follow up and get more of his works and titles. excellent author, great content and physically the book is of great quality.

Dry but quite informative. Im not one for conspiracies and this isn't a book entirely about conspiracies. It promotes a hypothesis and then carefully examines the historical work of the CIA as well as general trends the agency followed quite exclusively during the examined times.

I haven't read the entire book yet but what I have read is truly educating and shocking. It amazes me how much our government does behind our backs. I can only imagine what they are really capable of knowing what they have come forward with. I know we will never know the whole truth about everything that they do and we may not really want to know because it would be devastating. I know that what I have learned in the past 12-15 months is mind boggling. I have learned that what ever they say believe the opposite. This is a great read. You won't be disappointed.

Anyone who has lived through this period of history will find enlightenment as to what is happening to our country and precisely who took it away from "We the people" in the first place. How to fix the problem is the real question. Changing congress, the senate or even the president has no effect on resolving this issue. Party affiliation is irrelevant. The status quo is untenable. God help America!

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You can think whatever you want to about L. Fletcher Prouty. He asks questions, and he asks others to ask questions. In my own case, after reading this book, I actually "felt better" about the security state we live in. We are being spied upon, indiscriminately. The bad news is we're all being spied upon. The good news is that there is no centralization as to what we're being spied about. In short, if this book is an example, that the CIA is its own worst enemy, and they are destined for a fade-out, which is my greatest hope.

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