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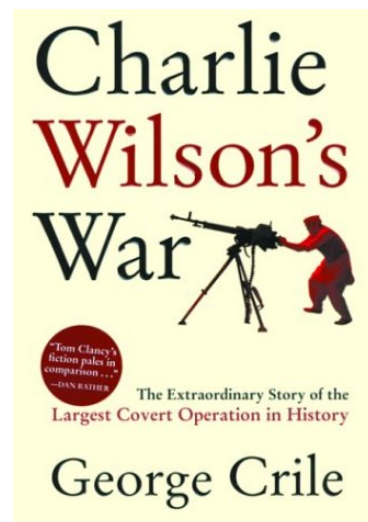
Charley Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of the Largest Covert Operation in History /

by George Crile

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Despite all the publicity concerning his reputation as a playboy, there was no denying that Charlie Wilson's patriotism. In fact, the Texas congressman was so much a walking contradiction that few suspected the sharp-minded visionary hidden behind a raw-edged exterior which would ultimately mastermind the operation of the century. In the wake of Watergate and the Vietnam debacle, America under the Carter administration was losing face.

When the Soviets invaded the third-world country of Afghanistan with little western opposition, Wilson (with the help of a Houston socialite and a CIA renegade) took matters into his own hands, personally orchestrating the federal funding and military backing needed to turn the tide in Afghanistan. Wilson's personalized 'war' would ultimately turn out to spearhead events which led to the Soviet Union's implosion and downfall of communism. In this book chronicling this outrageously wild—but true—story of one man wagging the dog by the tail, Crile portrays the dynamic life of Charlie Wilson and the world he changed.



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