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Pratap Chatterjee : Iraq, Inc.: A Profitable Occupation (Open Media Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Iraq, Inc.: A Profitable Occupation (Open Media Series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just the factsBy SDbreezWhat I liked about this book was the way information was provided. Many things I suspected had happened during reconstruction in Iraq were confirmed. I will not give to much away because I don't want to hinder your own thought processes or conclusions. This book is best read with an open mind, then form your own opinion. I encourage all people to not be sheep, but make a decision based upon information, and not because someone tells you what to do.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An good read from an excellent writer.By S. McCallumOver the past several years I have become familiar

with Mr. Chatterjee's writing on the topic of the privatization of war, so I was interested to see what a full length book would provide. I was not disappointed. I found Mr. Chatterjee's breakdown of some of the companies involved in the privatized military world to very informative and well researched. I would have liked to have seen more on the military's thoughts on the privatization of their tasks and slightly less exposeacute; style writing, but overall the questions he asks are answered in the book. I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to learn more about the industry and its affect on the world at large. 20 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Level-headed insight

By Mark G-JI worked in Baghdad for an NGO outside the "green zone" and later worked for a British contractor that bid for reconstruction projects in Iraq on the basis there'd always be substantial Iraqi participation in all projects and decision-making. Chatterjee's Iraq, Inc is a well-researched, fair analysis of the deep involvement of big business and vested interests in the post-invasion management of Iraq, and provides striking insight as to why the last two years of occupation have gone disastrously wrong for both the US occupation authorities and the Iraqi people. Nothing in this book contradicts my experience of the sad implosion of post-invasion Iraq, changing Iraqi attitudes to the occupation and the reconstruction gravy train. A must read for those who want to understand where management of the post-war period has gone wrong; and for current green-zone employees who still haven't quite appreciated what they've contributed to in their blinded, do-gooding pompousness. A fascinating and sometimes (sadly) comic read.

More than one year after the "fall of Baghdad," the reconstruction of Iraq was failing terribly. Ordinary Iraqis waited in line for basic necessities like clean water and fuel, while the number of civilians and soldiers killed escalated in tandem with the billions of U.S. tax dollars spent. In *Iraq, Inc.: A Profitable Occupation*, Pratap Chatterjee delivers an on-the-ground account of the occupation business, exposing private contractors as the only winners in this war. Chatterjee examines the big failings and even bigger swindles of Iraq's corporate managers, from the dangerous follies of an out-of-touch government-in-exile to the unchecked price gouging by Cheney's successors at Halliburton. In *Iraq, Inc.* Chatterjee contrasts the employment boom of mercenaries--more than 20,000 soldiers of fortune from apartheid-era South Africa, Pinochet's Chile, and elsewhere in Iraq--with the crowds of unemployed locals ripe for recruitment to the resistance. Drawing on years of research and first-hand experience in the region including his live reporting from post-invasion Iraq as he traveled around the country first in December 2003 when Saddam Hussein was captured and in April 2004 during the height of the siege of Fallujah, Chatterjee brings us the dilapidated hospitals, looted ministries, and guarded corporate enclaves that mark the plunderous road to America's free Iraq.

About the Author PRATAP CHATTERJEE is an award-winning journalist and program director of the Bay Area based nonprofit Corpwatch. Reporting on the political influence of Enron and Halliburton in the mid-nineties, Chatterjee led the field by more than half a decade. His early coverage of Bechtel was named Best Business Story by the National Newspaper Association, and he is the recipient of four Project Censored awards. His articles have appeared in the *Financial Times*, the *New Republic*, *The Guardian* (UK), and *The Independent* (UK).