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### *Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq*

Thomas Ricks

Drawing on the exclusive cooperation of more than one hundred senior military officers, many of whom are going on-the-record for the first time, *Fiasco* is Pulitzer Prize-winning author Thomas Ricks' groundbreaking account of America's military operations in Iraq. With unprecedented access to over thirty thousand pages of official documents, many never before released to the public, Ricks takes the reader inside the minds of some of the highest-ranking military officials. Throughout *Fiasco*, Ricks argues there was never any question that the U.S. military would topple Saddam Hussein; however, there was little thought by the military as to what would come next. According to Ricks, the Iraq War has been nothing short of an absolute fiasco.

**Thomas E. Ricks** is The Washington Post's senior Pentagon correspondent, where he has covered the U.S. military since 2000. Until the end of 1999, he held the same beat at The Wall Street Journal, where he was a reporter for seventeen years. A member of two Pulitzer Prize-winning teams for national reporting, he has reported on U.S. military activities in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Kuwait, Turkey, Afghanistan, and Iraq. He is the author of *Making the Corps* and *A Soldier's Duty*.

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