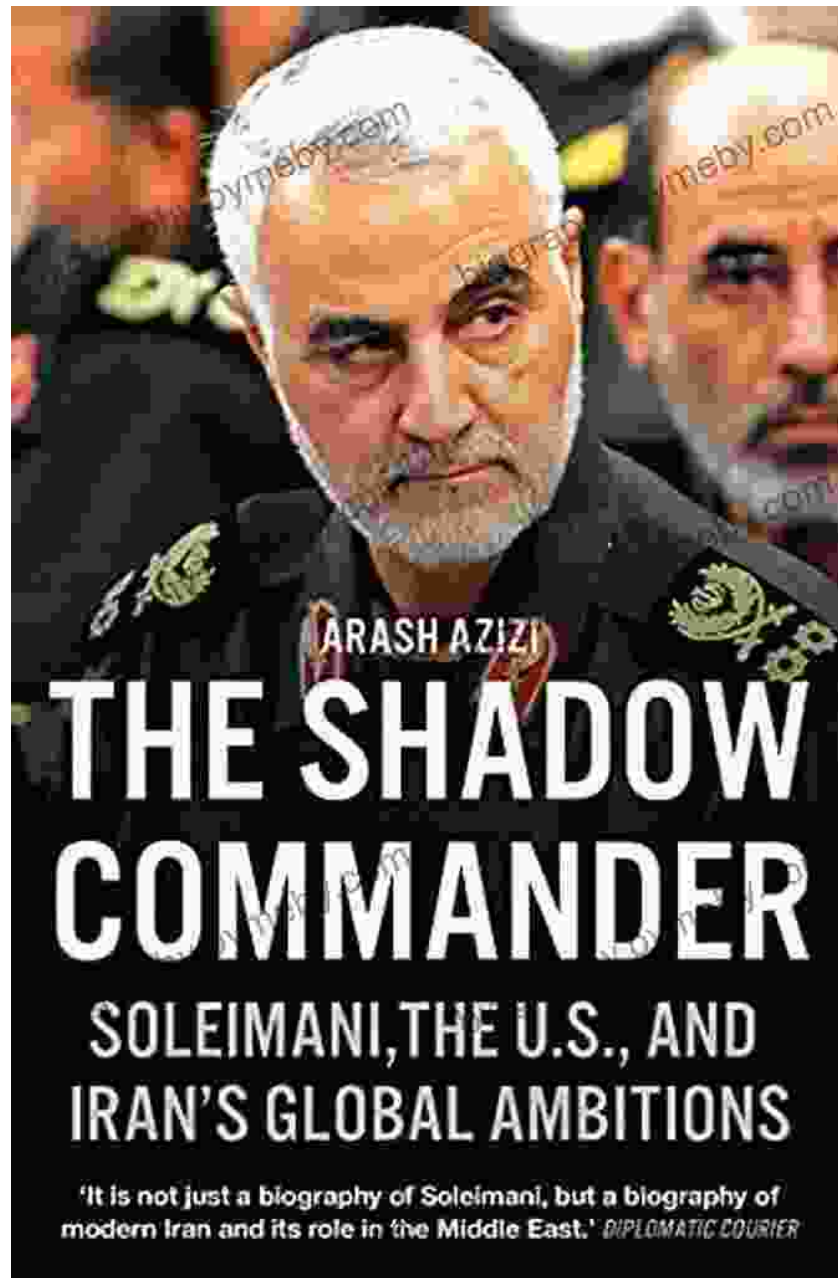


# Soleimani: The US and Iran's Global Ambitions



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Qassem Soleimani was one of the most powerful and influential military figures in the Middle East. As the head of Iran's elite Quds Force, he was responsible for the country's military operations in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen. Soleimani was also a key figure in Iran's support for Hezbollah, Hamas, and other militant groups throughout the region.



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Dickey begins by tracing Soleimani's rise to power. Soleimani was born in a poor family in rural Iran. He joined the Iranian military during the Iran-Iraq War, and quickly rose through the ranks. After the war, Soleimani was appointed to lead the Quds Force. Under his leadership, the Quds Force became a powerful and effective fighting force. It played a key role in Iran's

support for Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, and the Houthis in Yemen.

Dickey also explores Soleimani's role in Iran's nuclear program. Soleimani was a strong supporter of Iran's nuclear ambitions. He believed that a nuclear weapon would give Iran the power to deter its enemies and secure its position in the Middle East.

The US government was deeply concerned about Soleimani's activities. The US viewed Soleimani as a terrorist and blamed him for the deaths of American soldiers and civilians. In 2020, the US killed Soleimani in a drone strike in Baghdad. The assassination of Soleimani was a major escalation in the conflict between the US and Iran.

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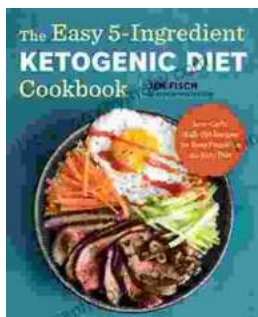
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