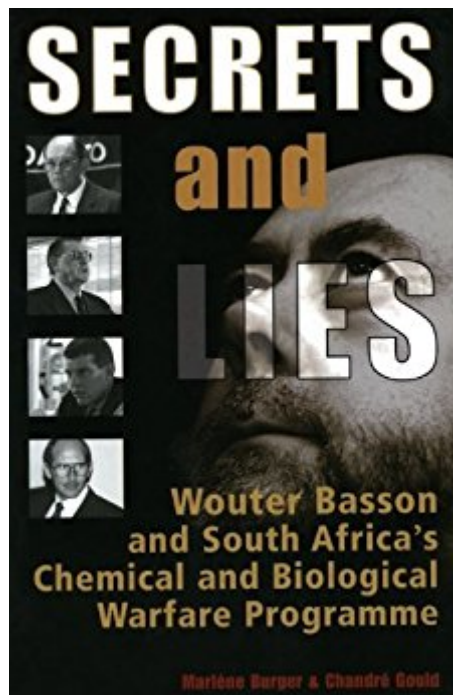




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Synopsis

This is a tale of military machination and scientific subterfuge, of combatants who disappeared without trace, and bizarre experiments carried out behind locked doors. In waging a "total war" during the 1970s and 1980s, South African securocrats demanded a "total strategy", including secret and unconventional means to fight the perceived "total onslaught" against the apartheid regime. Against that background, a group of scientists under military guidance crossed the threshold of an arcane realm, familiar to ordinary citizens only through the imaginations of fiction writers – a world marked by covert operations and germ warfare, high-stakes deals in the international arms bazaar, smoke and mirrors, plausible deniability. A world where intrigue and double-crossing are routine, where secret missions and sinister sub-plots are the milestones for life in the fast lane. Set against the backdrop of the international Cold War and South Africa's bloody passage to democracy, the events related in this book were uncovered during ten years of investigation and made public by the trial of Wouter Basson, the first criminal prosecution in the world of the head of an official chemical and biological warfare programme. As the authors take you from combat zone to courtroom, read how one of the apartheid era's best-kept secrets became the subject of one of the "new" South Africa's costliest legal exercises – and how the former military officer at the heart of both walked away a free man. Ten years have passed since Wouter Basson was acquitted of the criminal charges brought against him and *Secrets and Lies* was originally published. This eBook edition comes with a brand new foreword by author Chandre Gould.

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Customer Reviews

Very interesting reading matter if you like factual reading.

An important book, documenting that which most people have no idea ever happened - especially as the trial disappears from memory. Regardless of your personal opinion on "Dr. Death", I would recommend this as a starting point for any discussion on medical ethics during apartheid and South Africa's chemical and biological warfare programme.

Interesting!

Very interesting and an eye opener of what happened in South Africa behind the scenes. Do hope same mistakes would not be made by ANC

VIP BOOK!!!!

Not really an interesting read at all. It was as convoluted as can be and no wonder the judge set him free. But one thing is for sure and that is that White South Africans must keep their mouths shut when it comes to corruption as the story of the Afrikaner from 1948 (Note I said 1948) onwards is one of mass murder; theft; and total control of all aspects of life. I still believe that whites can never move on in South Africa as this very evil in our psyche was not exposed and removed by a Nuremberg type trial. If that "whole lot" were shot - sent to jail - had to "de apartheidise" themselves then we would have been better off today. We will pay the price of those Nats for many generations to come.

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