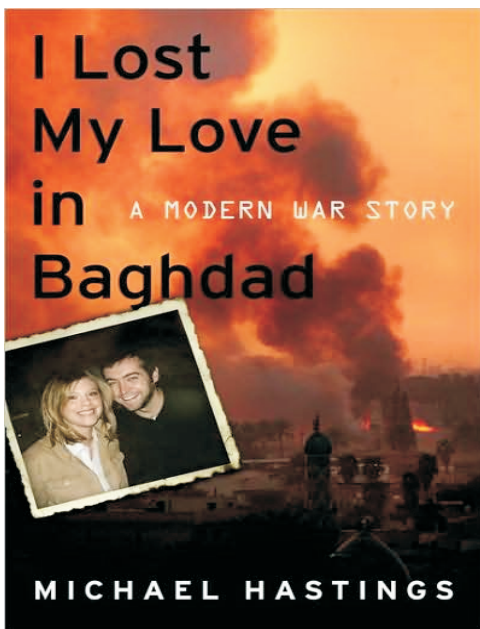


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I LOST MY LOVE IN BAGHDAD

A Modern War Story

I Lost My Love in Baghdad is an extraordinarily gripping and informative account of the chaos inside the Green Zone by *Newsweek's* youngest war correspondent, whose fiancée was killed during an attempted kidnapping.

At age twenty-five, Michael Hastings arrived in Baghdad to cover the war in Iraq for *Newsweek*. He had at his disposal a little Hemingway romanticism and all the apparatus of a twenty-first-century reporter—cell phones, high-speed Internet access, digital video cameras, fixers, drivers, guards, and translators. In startling detail, he describes the chaos, the violence, the never-ending threats of bomb and mortar attacks, and the front lines that can be a half mile from the Green Zone—indeed, that can be anywhere. This is a new kind of war: private security companies follow their own rules, or lack thereof; soldiers in combat get instant messages from their girlfriends and families; and members of the Louisiana National Guard watch Katrina's decimation of their city on a television in the barracks.

Back in New York, Hastings had fallen in love with a young idealist who worked for Air America, Andi Parhamovich. A year into their courtship, Andi followed Michael to Iraq, taking a job with the National Democratic Institute. Their war-zone romance is another window into life in Baghdad. They call each other pet names; they make plans for the future; they fight, usually because each is fearful for the other's safety; and they try to figure out how to get together, when it means putting bodyguards and drivers in jeopardy. Then Andi goes on a dangerous mission for her new employer—a meeting at the Iraqi Islamic Party headquarters that ends in catastrophe.

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