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NEW BOOK CONCERNING DIFFICULTIES FACED BY IRAQ VETERANS
GETS MASS APPEAL

Mojave Winds, (ISBN: 978-0-9801383-0-6), a novel by Mark Biskeborn, highlights the growing social impact on Iraq War veterans returning home, and their struggles to reintegrate to the civilian world.

IRVINE, CA. - FEB 20, 2008 - The recent book by author, Mark Biskeborn, *Mojave Winds*, has been met with wide acceptance, attracting a great deal of attention with its controversial storyline:

A combat veteran returns from the Iraq War, struggles to readapt to normal life, only to find conflict in the United States as well. The new Stop-Loss law imposes unprecedented hardships on soldiers now. The prolonged combat missions increase tensions complicating soldiers' return to daily life— post-traumatic-stress, divorce, child custody, financial dread, and unemployment. These and other calamities unravel soldiers' nerves when they finally do get to come home. This book demonstrates the public concern over what happens when trained warriors show up on the streets.

With the flare-ups of domestic terrorism within U.S. borders, this book also reminds readers that the battles have now made their way to the United States as well. Fighting the enemy 'over there,' does not exclude fighting them here.

In the past two weeks, over 20,000 new visitors have flooded the author's website, <http://www.markbiskeborn.com>. This includes his [online blog](#) discussing the issues facing soldiers on extended missions. The impact of these American policies has received a sudden influx of new public attention.

Traffic has also spiked from searches relating to the calamities of prolonged military tours of duty and concern for domestic terrorism.

The rapid spread of interest in *Mojave Winds* has been felt in the publishing world as well. The book was selected as a feature for the *Southern California Writers Conference* held in San Diego this past weekend.

The prestigious *International Thriller Writers* conference in New York will feature *Mojave Winds* (thrillerwriters.org). The Writers Digest newsletter also features *Mojave Winds* (writersdigest.com) as the author will attend the Writers' Digest conference in LA, 28 May.

The author, Mark Biskeborn, has been a contributing writer for several blogs, especially *The Smirking Chimp*, and has received a swarm of comments from his regular weekly writings. Mark is currently scheduled to appear at the *International Thriller Writers Conference* and the *Maui Writers Conference* this year. *Amazon Shorts* has featured several of his short stories recently.

As a result of *Mojave Winds* unprecedented sales success and rapidly growing popularity, several mainstream publishing houses are considering author Mark Biskeborn while he works to complete his next novel.

Mojave Winds is now available through Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, and many other booksellers, as well as the Author's own site.

The current state of affairs and the highly volatile political discussion concerning the legality of the Stop-Loss policy, the calamities that returning U.S. veterans now face, and the concerns over domestic terrorism continue to fuel public interest in the book. While the book is considered fiction, many of the issues depicted in its chapters are anchored in current affairs in the U.S. and world news events.

ABOUT MOJAVE WINDS AND MARK BISKEBORN

Mojave Winds, a novel by author Mark Biskeborn, shows us the difficulties protagonist Kris Klug faces. A returning Iraq War veteran, he struggles to integrate back into the civilian world. He suffers from flashbacks from his war experience, the drastic difference in civilian life, and the effects of post-traumatic stress. He also is shocked to discover that the war has followed him back home to the U.S., as a series of events puts him in the crosshairs of domestic terrorism. Despite the high-tension stakes, with an Islamist gang at his heels, he meets a classical dancer, Sheila, whom he finds especially intriguing while crossing the Mojave to Las Vegas.

The author is a long time resident of California, and has also lived and worked many years abroad. He has contributed many non-fiction articles, essays, and book reviews to magazine publications and blogs. He also has had several short stories featured recently on Amazon Shorts. He is now completing a sequel novel, *Follow the Sufi's Ghost*, for release in winter, 2008.

For more information on the book or the author, or to order online, visit <http://www.markbiskeborn.com> or call 949-293-2016.

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