

## The Surge

A Novel by Adam Kovac

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**WITH ONLY FIVE WEEKS LEFT IN HIS DEPLOYMENT, CHANDLER AND HIS TEAM ARE ASSIGNED A MISSION.**

His men look forward to the action, but Chandler isn't so sure they're all going to make it back alive.

### WHY THIS BOOK?

- Written by a US Army veteran who served more than a decade in Iraq, Afghanistan, Panama, and Haiti
- An unvarnished war novel about a wounded veteran redeployed to Iraq and assigned to lead underprepared National Guardsmen during the 2007 troop surge, pitched as *The Thin Line* meets *Full Metal Jacket*
- Set after President Bush ordered 20,000 additional soldiers to Iraq to impose stability and ensure that Iraq remain a bulwark against terror
- Showcases the complexity of modern military service and the struggle of soldiers to connect
- Hauntingly reveals the cost of meeting military objectives which, while politically beneficial, are paid for with human lives

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Adam Kovac served more than a decade in the US Army infantry, with deployments to Panama, Haiti, Iraq, and Afghanistan. A former journalist, he's also covered crime and court beats for newspapers in Indiana, Florida, and Illinois. Kovac earned his MFA in creative writing from Northwestern University.

### REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"The best of the bunch . . . The Surge is a ready-made classic." —David Abrams, author of *Brave Deeds* and *Fobbit*

"In this remarkable debut, Adam Kovac has not only produced a vivid and compelling story about the reality of war, he's somehow conjured an allegory for where we are in American history." —Naeem Murr, author of *The Perfect Man*

" . . . A novel rare in its insight and power. There is no trumpeting of conflict or sacrifice here, no outlandish satire. Instead, Kovac faces the boredom and horror, the drudgery of a forever war, with a steady hand and gaze. Readers will come away from this book shaken, mad, stunned." —Eric Shonkwiler, author of *Above All Men* and *Moon Up, Past Full*