Defeat: Why They Lost Iraq

By Jonathan Steele

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His latest book is *Defeat: Why America and Britain Lost Iraq*. He’s the senior foreign correspondent and in-house columnist on international affairs for the London Guardian, has written several books. His latest is called *Defeat: Why America and Britain Lost Iraq*. Jonathan Steele, joining us now in our firehouse studio. Welcome to this side of the Atlantic, Jonathan. So, why did they then decide to fight, when challenged? This speaks to a very primary cause of their defeat: Saddam believed that the allies, and the Americans in particular, didn’t have the stomach to withstand high casualties among their own people; that popular opinion in the US, and gun shy combatants would bring the combat to a close, with Iraq emerging as the victor. Iraq lost the war because Saddam was terribly wrong in estimating both the military power, and the will, of his opponents. Of course, none of that power could be appreciated and understood until it was actually demonstrated. But by then, the die had been cast, and the results are, well, “history.” *Defeat: Why They Lost* by Jonathan Steele. Other editions. As the dreadful reality of the CoalitionOCOs defeat in Iraq begins to sink in, one question dominates Washington and London: why? In this controversial new book, award-winning journalist Jonathan Steele provides a stark and arresting answer: Bush and Blair were defeated from the day they decided to occupy the country. Iraq had had enough of foreign armies. Steele describes As the dreadful reality of the CoalitionOCOs defeat in Iraq begins to sink in, one question dominates Washington and London: why? In this controversial new book, award-winning journalist Jonathan Steele provides a stark and
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