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NBC NEWS IRAQ CORRESPONDENT RICHARD ENGEL AT CARTER LIBRARY THURSDAY

Author of "War Journal: My Five Years in Iraq"

Atlanta, GA. - Meet NBC News Iraq Correspondent Richard Engel this Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. The Carter Library, A Cappella Books and the Georgia Center for the Book are bringing Engel to Atlanta for a special free evening discussion about Engel's views of the Iraq War. Following his talk, Richard Engel will sign copies of his new book "War Journal: My Five Years in Iraq."

Publishers Weekly writes "Fluent in Arabic, with access to Iraqi prime ministers and insurgents as well as American leaders (including George W. Bush), (Engel) deftly elucidates the bitter rivalry between dethroned Sunnis and rising Shiites and, behind that, Iran's skillful consolidation of power in Iraq as the United States flounders. Engel's fine, heartfelt but disabused account of this bewildering conflict renders the suffering in Iraq with understanding and compassion."

Richard Engel will give you an eyewitness view of the war that you can't get in ninety second news story. As the book jacket describes "Engel is the longest serving broadcaster in Iraq and the only American television reporter to cover the country continuously before, during, and after the 2003 U.S. invasion. Fluent in Arabic, he has had unrivaled access to U.S. military commanders, Sunni insurgents, Shiite militias, Iraqi families, and even President George W. Bush, who called him to the White House for a private briefing. He has witnessed nearly every major milestone in this long war." The publishers add "War Journal is the story of the transformation of a young journalist who moved to the Middle East with \$2,000 and a belief that the region would be "the story" of his generation into a seasoned reporter who has at times believed that he would die covering the war. It is about American soldiers, ordinary Iraqis, and especially a few brave individuals on his team who continually risked their lives to make his own daring reporting possible."

Don't miss this opportunity.

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