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**DESCRIPTION**

*The Hidden Hand* is a succinct accessible and up-to-date survey of the Central Intelligence Agency’s history from its inception in 1947 to the present.

- Covers both aspects of the CIA’s mission – the collection and analysis of intelligence and the execution of foreign policy through covert, paramilitary operations
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- Written by an esteemed scholar and high-ranking officer in the intelligence community, drawing on the latest research
- Assesses the agency’s successes and failures, with an eye to the complex and controversial nature of the subject

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