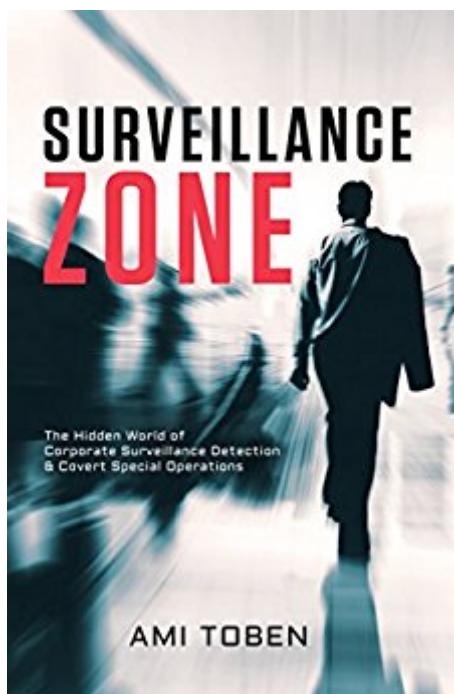


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# Surveillance Zone: The Hidden World Of Corporate Surveillance Detection & Covert Special Operations



## **Synopsis**

Surveillance Zone gives you an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look into a mysterious world that very few people know exists. It's the world of private-sector espionage, surveillance detection and covert protective operations that take place right here at home, under most people's noses. In these pages, you'll discover:- How corporate sector surveillance and surveillance detection work.- What real-world special operations are like.- How covert operators blend into different environments.- What type of people get into this industry.- Why this industry exists. Get a first-person account of actual covert operations the author has participated in. Learn the secrets of the trade, and discover a hidden world that's all around you. Welcome to the Surveillance Zone.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book (which I found out about from a SOFREP podcast) was pretty much as described: a brief intro to corporate (Silicon Valley in particular) surveillance detection, and to some extent,

surveillance. I'd always wondered about the low level of overt physical security and protection in most of the corporate world, especially Silicon Valley, and whether there was some level of SD or CS going on -- turns out there is, although it is still far from the levels you see in gov/mil situations, or in many other countries with more severe and more frequent criminal threats. The author has mostly a martial arts background, but is very intelligent and observant, so everything is explained without falling into assuming the reader is an expert or from the LE/IC/Mil world. Surveillance and surveillance detection probably isn't terribly relevant to the daily lives of most people (basic physical protection and awareness are enough, although a level of passing familiarity can be helpful. (I'm not really an expert in any of this field stuff at all, although I do have a deep background in various technical aspects of security and surveillance/CS; it was interesting to me just how low tech everything presented was.)

This is a great book for those who want to learn about surveillance and counter- surveillance like wise it is a good reference for those professionals who want to refer back to something. I highly recommend this book to all those who want to learn and improve their skill sets in surveillance.

A solid read. Manages to convey a wealth of information whilst maintaining an entertaining read. It is easy to incorporate the lessons learned into familiar scenarios and even if you are not in a related field the enhanced awareness can only be a benefit. I don't doubt this book will be revisited several times over as it sits nicely on the kindle shelf along side "Left of Bang" and my growing De Becker collection.

Interesting, specifically for those who work in security. There's a lot more to security than the layperson/general population will ever know and this book covers what few know. Would I recommend this book? Yes.

In *Surveillance Zone*, Ami Toben provides an interesting and very readable look into surveillance operations as part of a corporate security effort. I am a long time fan of Ami's blog, Protection Circle and a strong believer in approaching security challenges by fighting smarter not harder - a theme throughout the book. Much of the material and most of the examples in the book are based on Ami's first hand experience in the corporate security sector in the San Francisco Bay / Silicon Valley area. Ami is very humble and forthright. Despite having a military background, he learned his surveillance and surveillance detection skills in the private sector and does not have a government

background in this area. He reminds the reader of that several times and is quick to point out areas where he has less experience like vehicular mobile surveillance and emphasizes what he knows firsthand. The book focuses on applying surveillance detection, covert close protection and protective surveillance to executive protection and facility /event security. One chapter entitled Surveillance Detection on Yourself describes how to use this skillet for personal security as well. One of the great things about the ideas and techniques that Ami presents is the scalability. There are things you can implement in your operation almost immediately - in particular with regard to static facility security. His approach is proactive and seeks to address potential threats early. This is where security professionals should be focused. I strongly recommend Surveillance Zone. It's a very enjoyable, quick reading book that has something to offer the security specialist and layman alike.

On page 4, Ami explains that this book's purpose is to provide the audience with an insight into the world of covert protection operations in the corporate sector. Although his book does not encompass the corporate covert sector as a whole, Ami does a great job of providing insight into his world in a humorous and no holds barred way. This book is a fun, easy read, that should be taken just as that, an insight into how few folks are providing specialist services to keep others safe; it should not be viewed as a manual or anything else for fear of losing its charm. As someone who taught Ami all those years back, it makes me happy and proud to see how far he's come, and how he's not afraid to develop his own techniques, methods and protocols to get the job done. A highly recommended read for those in, and not in the industry!

Surveillance Zone is a welcome addition to the literature of self defense, prevention of violence, and general personal safety. This book opens our eyes to the concepts and the mechanics of techniques that can prevent crimes from occurring in the first place. As a self defense instructor, I've always tried to dig into root causes and preventive measures much more than just the brute force and aggression that may be needed at the point of crisis. One of the skill sets that often gets overlooked in common self defense teaching scenarios is that of counter surveillance and surveillance detection. Even the most short sighted, opportunistic criminal engages in some sort surveillance when choosing a target or preparing to strike. Not only does Ami clearly explain this mysterious domain of security operations, but his way of thinking, self awareness and honesty is a model for the type of behavior that helps provide for a secure life. I am grateful that Ami has chosen to share his professional insights and techniques with civilians. I'm looking forward to the next book

from him.

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