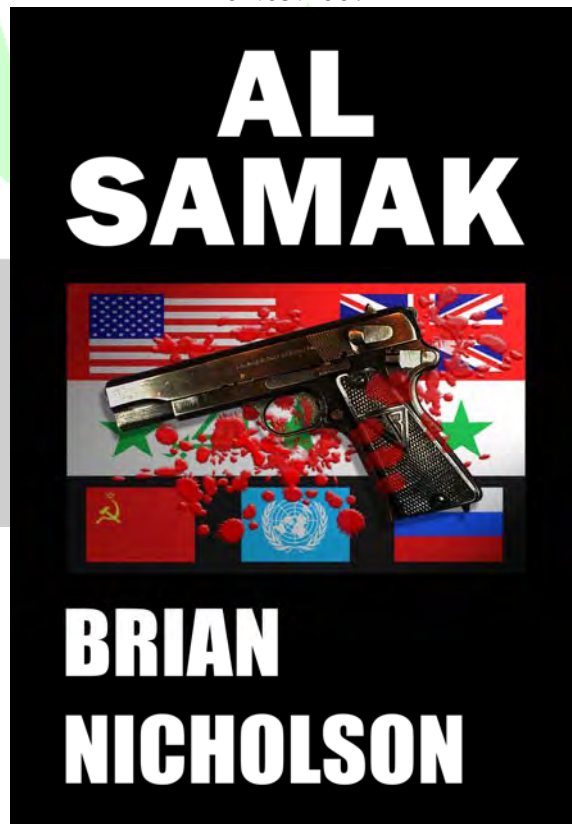


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A fast-paced, intriguing and nail-biting work of fiction about the desperate search for ‘the smoking gun’ in Iraq during the summer of 2002, some nine months before the invasion in March 2003. The man with all the experience to bring you this convincing and authentic story is the writer Brian Nicholson. On the last page you must choose – is it fact or fiction?

In that summer of 2002, Vladimir Putin is struggling to protect the embryo Russian democracy amid the plotting of die-hard communists determined to return the Russian Federation to a Soviet dictatorship. Saddam Hussein is desperately negotiating with anyone or any country that will provide him with the weapons of mass destruction for which the IAEA are searching and which he hopes might frustrate the impending

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A decorated ex-Army Colonel with considerable experience as a Military Advisor and Defence Attaché in Hong Kong, SE Asia and Africa, Brian Nicholson draws on his wealth of military, intelligence and political experience to develop a frighteningly credible story of treachery, conspiracy revenge and violence.

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### **About the Author**

Brian Nicholson joined the Army in 1961 after a trial run at the commercial world, completing a full career with his last appointment as the Defence Attaché in Jakarta. His award of the OBE in 1985 as a Commanding Officer was followed by the Commander-in-Chief's Commendation for his work with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Hong Kong to expedite the 1984 Joint Declaration on the hand over of Hong Kong to China.

As the Commander of the British Military Training Team, he was also Deputy Commandant of the Ghana Armed Forces Staff College and Military Advisor to Flt Lt Jerry Rawlings – the Head of State. The appointment in Hong Kong provided all the background needed for both 'GWEILO' (white man), the first book in the series and 'AL SAMAK' (the fish) and his appointment in Ghana gave him the background for its successor, the third book in the series – 'ASHANTI GOLD'. After learning to speak Bahasa Indonesian, he was sent to Jakarta as the Defence Attaché. This tour and his success in solving the mystery of how one particular member of the ill-fated Operation Rimau in WW2 had died provided the material for his fourth novel 'FIRE DRAGON'.

A 'Yachtmaster' skipper of offshore yachts, a talented painter and sportsman who enjoys his skiing, golf and sailing, Brian Nicholson now spends his time writing, painting, playing golf, sailing and restoring classic British sports cars.

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