

# THE SECRET HISTORY OF 9/11

FACTUAL



**DURATION**  
1 x 1 hour

A dramatic, minute-by-minute account of the biggest terrorist crime in history...from the terrorists' secret meetings to the White House crisis room...an extraordinary inside account of intrigue, desperate pursuit, and chaos in the highest reaches of power.

## SYNOPSIS

This extraordinary tale of intrigue and espionage begins with the first attack on the World Trade Center in 1993 by Ramzi Yousef, the nephew of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the 9/11 plot.

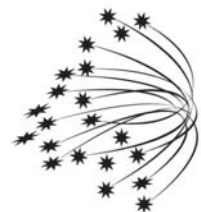
The documentary reveals the long secret war waged against al-Qaeda from the White House, the CIA and the FBI, and examines the key intelligence failures that allowed the 9/11 plot to happen. Interviews include Richard Clarke (Chief of Counter-terrorism at the White House), Michael Scheuer (the head of the CIA Bin Laden Unit), and Gary Schroen (the CIA field agent who was trying capture or kill Osama Bin Laden through the 1990s).

A riveting minute-by-minute account shows what was going on behind the scenes on 9/11.

There was confusion in air traffic control, a failure to promptly notify the military about hijacked planes, and a breakdown in communications around the President. George W Bush was reduced to trying to contact Washington on a borrowed cell phone. The presidential order to shoot down any further hijacked airliners never reached the jet fighter pilots who could have executed the command. One fighter pilot who did receive a shoot-down order had no ammunition on his aircraft. His plan was to crash his plane into a hijacked airliner and try to eject at the

last second. Interviews include pilots, air traffic controllers, Karen Hughes (counsel to the President), Richard Armitage (Deputy Secretary of State), and the co-chairs of the 9/11 Commission Thomas Kean and Richard Hamilton.

THE SECRET HISTORY OF 9/11 is written and directed by award-winning correspondent Terence McKenna. McKenna also wrote and directed *"The Life and Times of John Paul II."*



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