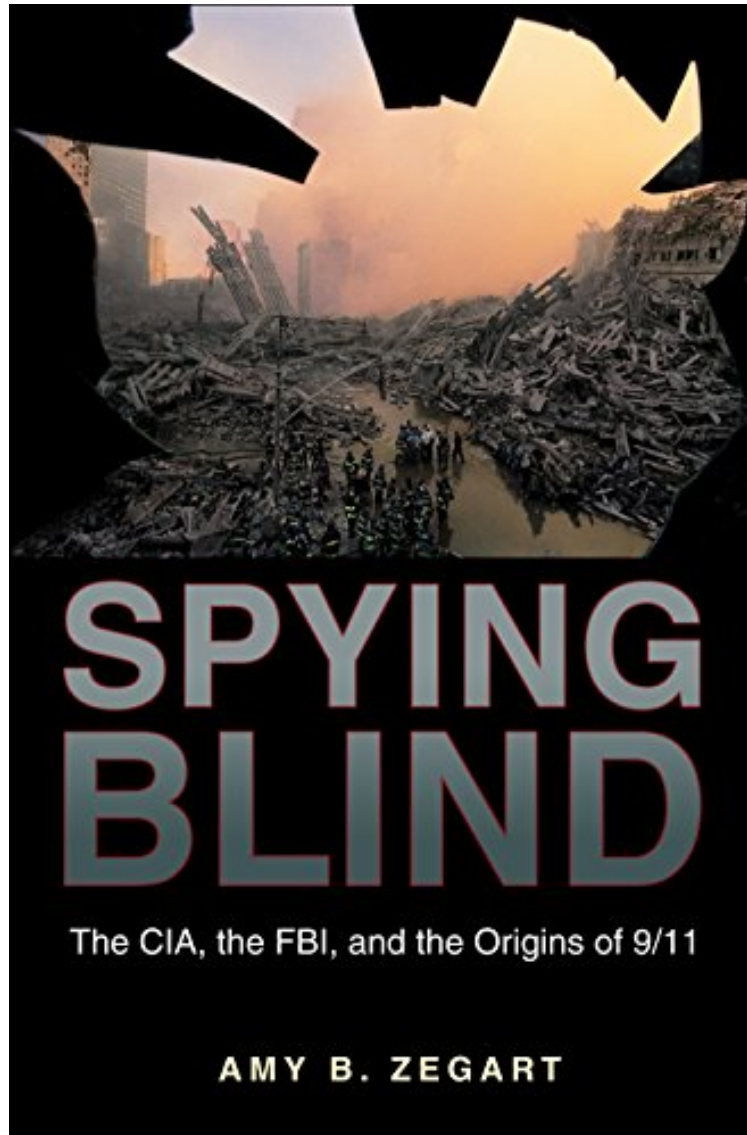


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das Versagen der US-amerikanischen Intelligence Community vor 9/11. Hierbei geht es nicht nur um die Frage, welche nicht-wahrgenommenen Gelegenheiten es gab, den 9/11-plot zu verhindern, sondern besonders darum, die Gründe herauszustellen die dazu geführt haben, dass diese Gelegenheiten nicht wahrgenommen wurden. Zegart betrachtet hierbei das Versagen von CIA und das FBI. Die These des Buches ist es, dass sich die Intelligence Community nach dem Kalten Krieg nicht an die neue Gefahr des Terrorismus angepasst habe. Die Gründe hierfür seien u.a. eingeschliffene Ermittlungstraditionen, die nicht aufgegeben wurden; strukturelle Schwächen, welche die Intelligence Community zu einer Ansammlung isoliert arbeitender Abteilungen machte, bei der die eine Abteilung von den Erkenntnissen der anderen nichts wusste; sowie eine falsche Bewertung von Ermittlungsergebnissen, die sich in darin niederschlug, dass die falschen Mitarbeiter für die falschen Leistungen ausgezeichnet wurden. Zegart belegt ihre Ausführungen besonders anhand von allen bis 2007 deklassifizierten Reporten der Intelligence Community zwischen dem Kalten Krieg und 9/11 und gleicht die Ergebnisse mit zwei vorhergehenden Untersuchungen ab: Der Untersuchung des Senats der USA von 2002 und dem 9/11 Commission Report von 2004. Hierbei stellt sie beispielsweise einen Katalog an Veränderungsvorschlägen eines Reports den tatsächlich umgesetzten Veränderungen gegenüber. Auch das bekannte an George W. Bush gerichtete PDB vom 6. August 2001, das vor Anschlägen Bin Ladens in den USA warnt, wird einer dreiseitigen Analyse unterzogen. Das Buch beinhaltet mehrere sehr nützliche Grafiken und Tabellen, in denen die Ergebnisse übersichtlich präsentiert werden und enthält außerdem ebenfalls sehr übersichtlich präsentierte Zeitlinien verpasster Chancen bei FBI und CIA. Die Argumentation ist transparent. Aufgrund der Gre und Abstraktheit des behandelten Gegenstandes fallen die Ergebnisse etwas holzschnittartig aus. Es ist deshalb m.E. ratsam, als Ergänzung zu Zegarts Buch die detaillierteren journalistischen Aufarbeitungen desselben oder nahegelegener Themen zur Kenntnis zu nehmen. Alles in allem aber ist "Spying Blind" nicht nur die m.W. erste, sondern auch eine erkenntnisreiche wissenschaftliche Aufarbeitung des allgemeinen pr-9/11-Versagens.

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**Pressestimmen** Ever since the end of the cold war, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Security Agency, and more than a dozen other intelligence organizations that answer to the president had been struggling to adapt their sources and methods to the new menace. As Amy B. Zegart argues in Spying Blind, they just weren't up to the job... Zegart, blaming institutional inertia more than individuals, counts more than 20 specific instances where the CIA or the FBI missed chances to stop the 9/11 attacks. -- Christopher Dickey Newsweek Don't be fooled by the title of this book. It sounds as if the author is going to tread the same turf as Richard Clarke, Tim Weiner, Bob Woodward and a host of others, including the 9/11 Commission Report, but Amy Zegart in Spying Blind goes several steps beyond her predecessors... Zegart presents the facts behind this state of affairs in a more scholarly way than we've previously seen, by examining over 300 intelligence reform recommendations and by tracing the history of CIA and FBI counterterrorism efforts from 1991 to 2001. ... Spying Blind provides a clear and comprehensive overview of a dire situation -- the kind of knowledge that comes in handy when you call or write your congressman or, for that matter, when you vote. -- Mary Welp The Courier-Journal Zegart argues that any meaningful improvement in U.S. intelligence coordination and effectiveness will require the president and Congress to take on the Defense Department... Spying Blind is a thorough examination of those reform failures. In it, Zegart sifts through hundreds of intelligence recommendations...and findings by the 9/11 Commission and congressional committees. -- David J. Garrow Quarterly

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