

## **Michael R. Gordon**

Michael R. Gordon is the national security correspondent for *Wall Street Journal*. Gordon covers the Pentagon, the National Security Council, and the State Department. He has traveled with four secretaries of state, written extensively about U.S-Russian arms control issues and covered the negotiations that led to the 2015 nuclear accord with Iran. Gordon has also covered numerous military conflicts from the field, including the battle to retake Mosul from the Islamic State, the Iraq War, the war in Afghanistan, the Kosovo conflict, the Russian intervention in Chechnya, the 1991 Persian Gulf War and the American invasion of Panama. Before joining the *Wall Street Journal*, Gordon was a correspondent for the *New York Times* for 32 years.

From 1996 to 2000, Gordon was based in Moscow, where he served as the *Times* bureau chief. Later, he served as a roving military correspondent based in London.

Gordon is the author of *Degrade and Destroy: The Inside Story of the War Against the Islamic State, from Barack Obama to Donald Trump*. Published in 2022, the critically acclaimed book is the first definitive account of the strategy debates and military operations that collapsed ISIS's self-styled caliphate in Iraq and Syria.

He is also the co-author of three authoritative books with the late Bernard Trainor, a former Marine Corps lieutenant general, on conflicts in Iraq. Their third book, *The Endgame*, covers political and military events in Iraq from the American-led invasion in 2003 through the withdrawal of American forces at the end of 2011. The *Wall Street Journal* listed *The Endgame* as one of the top ten non-fiction books of the year. Gordon's second book, *Cobra II*, focused on the 2003 invasion and occupation of Iraq. Gordon's first book, *The Generals' War*, covered the American and allied campaign to evict Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait. *Foreign Affairs* magazine described the volume as the "best single volume on the Gulf War."

In 1989, Gordon was awarded the George Polk Award for International Reporting for his work with Stephen Engelberg on the proliferation of chemical weapons and Libya's effort to build a chemical weapons plant. He was among the *Wall Street Journal* staff that won a Dateline Award in 2022 from the D.C. Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists for coverage of the war in Afghanistan.

In addition to his writing, Gordon organized and reported an award-winning documentary on the conflict in Chechnya, "Deadlock: Russia's Forgotten War," which was broadcast internationally by CNN Presents.

Early in his career, Gordon covered defense issues for *National Journal* magazine and reported on the United Nations for a monthly publication of the United Nations Association. He has also written articles for *Survival*, a journal published by the International Institute of Strategic Studies, and *Foreign Policy* magazine as well as its web site.

Gordon received a B.A. from Colgate University, an M.A. in Philosophy from the Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and an M.S. from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.