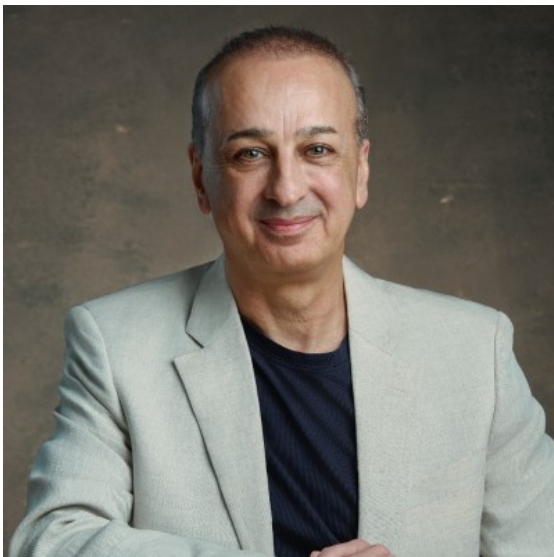


Autofiction Novel Exploring the Life of an Iranian Rebel turned US  
Soldier

## Shadows of Tehran

"Whether in the throes of revolution or the quiet battles of the heart, the essence of Ricardo's story is universal. It is about survival, identity, and the indomitable human spirit that persists through the chaos of history. It is about his pivotal decision to be a survivor and not a victim." -Nick Berg

### MEET NICK BERG



Nick Berg is an American author whose life is marked by tragedy and resilience. Born in Tehran to an Iranian mother and American father, he experienced Iran's vibrant culture and political upheavals. These events deeply influenced his worldview and literary voice. In his novel, *Shadows of Tehran*, Nick mirrors his life through the protagonist, Ricardo, reflecting struggles with identity, betrayal, and redemption.

Nick moved to the U.S., served in Special Operations, and transitioned to a successful tech executive career after an injury. His novel, *Shadows of Tehran*, received acclaim for its depth and authenticity. Post-military, Nick focused on writing, speaking, and coaching on diversity and servant leadership.

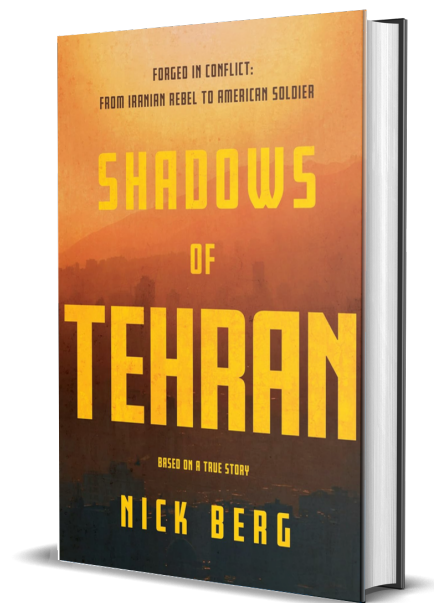
He is also a music enthusiast, finding creativity in producing electronic music. Nick's work bridges cultural gaps and emphasizes resilience and hope.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

**"When you find yourself at the gates of Hell,  
keep walking." —Churchill**

Raised in Tehran but torn between two worlds, Ricardo's young life is thrown into chaos when his American father abandons the family just as the Islamic Revolution of 1979 breaks out. As fundamental human rights are washed away in a tide of religious, anti-Western fanaticism, Ricardo's mother remarries, introducing a stepfather with a dark secret.

At only 14 years old, Ricardo vows to take back what was stolen under the oppressive, authoritarian rule. He quickly becomes a rebel leader, earning himself renown as the Shadow Rider of Tehran. When his name is leaked and an execution order issued, he must flee the only country he has called home. But the fight is not over. Blessed with an indomitable will and unbreakable spirit, Ricardo becomes a US Special Forces soldier, and in a surprising turn of events, lands right back where he started.



Spanning continents and infused with heart-pounding action, *Shadows of Tehran* is more than just a story of war. It's an exploration of one man's refusal to break under abuse, abandonment, and loss—an affirmation that we, not the events in our lives, determine whether to be a victim or survivor. Based on a true story, this is an astonishing tale of resilience, rebellion, and the enduring human spirit—one that will inspire anyone facing their own shadows to keep pushing forward.

## DISCUSSION TOPICS

- The core themes of *Shadows of Tehran* and the exploration of how our mindset, rather than our circumstances, is what defines us
- Strength of a Survivor: How one's reaction to events can define them as either being a survivor or a victim
- Fact vs Fiction: What does the military look like outside of the typical violence depicted on the big screen
- Nick's own experience growing up in Iran and being a part of the Iranian revolution
- How did the Iranian revolution influence today's Iran as we know it?
- Nick's personal experience coming from Iran to the U.S. and joining the U.S. military
- The experience writing fiction based on his own life story
- Tips for writing authentically human experiences

## PRAISE

"An exceptional read, truly honoured to have been one of the first



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to read this book." —PATRICIA M WENNELL, author of *Because It Didn't Stop When It Ended*

"A literary masterpiece that weaves captivating storytelling with profound insights, making it a must-read for anyone seeking both entertainment and enlightenment." — PETER E SAUNDERS, author of the highly acclaimed *The Truth: The Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth, so Help Me . . .*

"Contains all the elements to succeed as its very core is a consideration on life itself—of family, of past, and choices for the future—and a lesson that no matter how many times you find yourself at the gates of Hell, you can still get out of there! A traumatic read at times, but a rich and inspiring book." —KAREN SLATER, best-selling author of *My Journey Through Hell*

"An eloquent tapestry of words that not only transports readers to another world but leaves an indelible mark on the heart, proving that some stories linger long after the final page is turned." —MADISON ALEXANDER DAY, best-selling author of *Despite It All*

"A poignant and insightful glimpse into life during the Iranian Revolution and beyond. Its powerful storytelling brings the struggles of conflict and oppression to vivid, relatable life." —JOHN WEST, author of *The Psychiatrist*, Hemingway Award short list, Booker Prize entrant

## CONNECT

To learn more about Nick Berg, please visit [pnberg.com](http://pnberg.com) or connect on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Youtube](#).

[\*Shadows of Tehran: Forged in Conflict: From Iranian Rebel to American Soldier\*](#) will be released April 22nd, 2025 and is available for pre-order on [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#).

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