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Robert Kaplan has written extensively on a range of foreign policy and national security issues for *The Atlantic Monthly* from 100 countries. He is the best-selling author of twelve books on international affairs and travel including: *Hog Pilots: Blue Water Grunts: The American Military in the Air, at Sea, and on the Ground* (2007); *Imperial Grunts* (2005), *Eastward to Tartary: Travels in the Balkans, the Middle East, and the Caucasus* (2000); *The Coming Anarchy: Shattering the Dreams of the Post Cold War* (2000); *An Empire Wilderness: Travels Into America's Future* (1998); *The Ends of the Earth* (1995); *The Arabists: The Romance of an American Elite* (1993); and *Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History* (1993); all of which grew out of *Atlantic* articles.

Besides *The Atlantic Monthly*, Kaplan's essays have appeared on the editorial pages of *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Los Angeles Times*. He has been a consultant to the U.S. Army's Special Forces Regiment, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Marines. He has lectured at military war colleges, the FBI, the National Security Agency, the Pentagon's Joint Staff, major universities, the CIA, and business forums. *New York Times* columnist Thomas Friedman calls Kaplan among the four "most widely read" authors defining the post-Cold War era (along with Francis Fukuyama, Harvard Professor Samuel Huntington, and Yale Professor Paul Kennedy). He is the recipient of the 2001 Greenway-Winship Award for Excellence in international reporting and in 2002, and he received the United States State Department Distinguished Public Service Award.

Kaplan has been writing as a foreign correspondent for more than 25 years, and his over two-decades' worth of traveling and reporting experience – much of which he has accumulated in the world's most difficult and dangerous places – inform even his briefest contributions. His writing always combines on-the-ground reporting, a rich academic context, a deep regard for the past, and an abiding concern for the future.