



**Thatcher's Secret War:
Subversion, Coercion, Secrecy and Government, 1974-90**

by **Clive Bloom**

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Provocative new investigation into one of England's most polarising prime ministers sheds new light on the notorious role of the state against perceived enemies and its pertinent implications today from bestselling author, Professor, Clive Bloom.

Thatcher's Secret War presents an illuminating and candid alternative history of Margaret Thatcher's premiership. Exposing the rise in political paranoia and secrecy at the highest level of government, Clive Bloom narrates the internal 'cold war' fought throughout the 1980s against the 'enemies within'; everyone Thatcher could not see eye to eye with. It also shows how her

supporters recognised whether a civil servant, journalist, union leader or simple member of the public was 'one of us'.

Including numerous unexplained political assassinations Bloom leads us on a fascinating journey focusing on events, notable politicians as well as ordinary members of the public, and including: the secret origins of the Thatcher revolution in Operation Clockwork Orange; the sinister role of Airey Neave; the Stalker Inquiry and its consequences; the real conspiracy behind the Belgrano affair; the mysterious world of psyops; the nuclear industry, surveillance and execution; the terrorist war in Scotland; the crazy world of Satanists, paedophiles and video nasties; the role of the banking system and the arms industry - and much more.

Through exhaustive research Clive Bloom has provided an extensive exploration of Thatcher's classified years providing fresh perspectives on notable assassinations and political cover ups, serving as a pertinent reminder of the real and perceived threats in a period which has been sanitised and mythologised in recent histories. Expertly juxtaposing notable events with today's political arena, Bloom surmises that the United Kingdom is rapidly changing and although Thatcher's ideals seem to have vanished one remains - the power and importance of the extra-parliamentary state and its surveillance methods and hidden powers in a new age of terrorism.

Thatcher's Secret War: Subversion, Coercion, Secrecy and Government, 1974-90 provides a timely, critical and compelling new study of a deeply complex and controversial premiership. Accessible, fascinating and compulsive, this is a book that may well ruffle feathers and rattle cages.

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