

# GPS Interviews Robert Baer on Iran

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### Robert Baer

Robert "Bobby" Baer is an author, journalist, and a former CIA officer.

Baer spent twenty years with the Central Intelligence Agency and upon leaving in 1997 he received the CIA's Career Intelligence Medal. Since then, he has only publicly acknowledged having field assignments in Madras and New Delhi, India; in Beirut, Lebanon; in Dushanbe, Tajikistan; in Morocco, and in Salah al-Din in Kurdish northern Iraq.



He has written about his experiences as an undercover operative in several well-known books including *See No Evil* and *Sleeping with the Devil*, which were the basis for the 2005 Academy Award winning movie, *Syriana*. The film's protagonist is loosely based on Baer.

Working as a journalist, he is *TIME.com*'s intelligence columnist and a frequent contributor to *Vanity Fair*, the *Washington Post* and the *Wall Street Journal*, among other publications.

His most recent book is entitled *The Devil We Know: Dealing with the New Iranian Superpower*. In it he argues that Iran is a sophisticated country with a history dating back thousands of years and that the longer the U.S. ignores the Iranian threat, the more likely Iran will succeed in ousting the U.S. from the region.