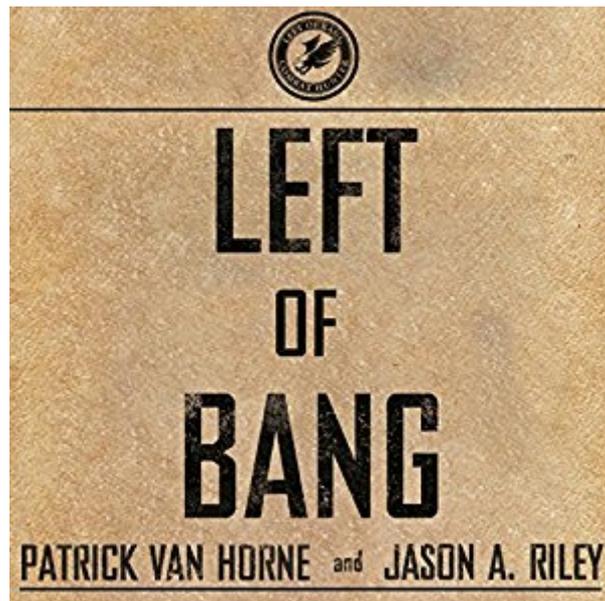


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# Left Of Bang: How The Marine Corps' Combat Hunter Program Can Save Your Life



## Synopsis

You walk into a restaurant and get an immediate sense that you should leave. You are about to step onto an elevator with a stranger, and something stops you. You interview a potential new employee who has the résumé to do the job, but something tells you not to offer the position. These scenarios all represent "left of bang", the moments before something bad happens. But how many times have you talked yourself out of leaving the restaurant, getting off the elevator, or getting over your silly "gut" feeling about someone? Is there a way not just to listen to your inner protector more but to actually increase your sensitivity to threats before they happen? Legendary marine general James Mattis asked the same question and issued a directive to operationalize the Marine Corps' Combat Hunter program. A comprehensive and no-nonsense approach to heightening each and every one of our gifts of fear, Left of Bang is the result.

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This book is an excellent guide to decision making in any time-critical profession where safety and lives are on the line. It presents several strategic formulas for making decisions under pressure, which will instantly challenge you to improve the depth of your daily level of observation and awareness. These invaluable lessons from the Marine Combat Hunter Program will teach you how to read your environment and respond to it faster than those around you. By learning how to read baseline body language, and immediately detect anomalies, you can begin to know what people are going to do before they do it. More importantly, with these skills you can recognize when someone

is trying to pull you into a bad situation, and know the proper countermove. The Israeli system of "characterization" - correlating objective suspicion indicators with known or plausible environmentally specific M.O.'s - is extremely effective for stopping criminal activities and terrorist surveillance dry runs or attacks. This book complements that standardized system very well, by revealing microbehaviors in baseline activity that help us to form a faster understanding of both an individual's and a group's intentions - before they act. This is a book that is extremely useful for training others in time critical decisionmaking - not just in a law enforcement or military environment, but in natural disasters as well. This book will teach you how to steal time when you need it most, by interpreting events and outthinking situations before they harm you.

Left of Bang is a fantastic book. A book every cop and security officer should read. Anyone concerned for their safety looking to avoid dangerous situations through recognizing the signs and signals of crime and danger should read this book. Left of Bang is a metaphor for preventing the attack, the first shot, the explosion etc. The authors advise to think about an attack on a timeline, bang is in the middle. Bang is the act. Bang is the IED explosion, the sniper taking a shot, or the beginning of an ambush. Bang is what we want to prevent. Being left of bang means that a person has observed one of the pre-event indicators, one of the warning signs that must occur, earlier on the timeline for the bang to happen. Being on the other end of the timeline is referred to as being right of bang. Most of the training that military operators and law enforcement personnel receive is reactive. They learn skills and techniques that rely on someone else taking the initiative, which means waiting for the enemy or criminal to act first. Unfortunately, whoever strikes first possesses a powerful tactical advantage. When a person is right of bang, they are reacting to the action that took place. These lessons from Left of Bang will teach you how to read your environment and respond to it faster than those around you. By learning how to read baseline body language, and immediately detect anomalies, you can begin to know what people are going to do before they do it. More importantly, with these skills you can recognize the signs and signals when someone is trying to lure you into a bad situation. Through pattern recognition in baseline activity that help us to form a faster understanding of both an individual's and a group's intentions before they act.

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