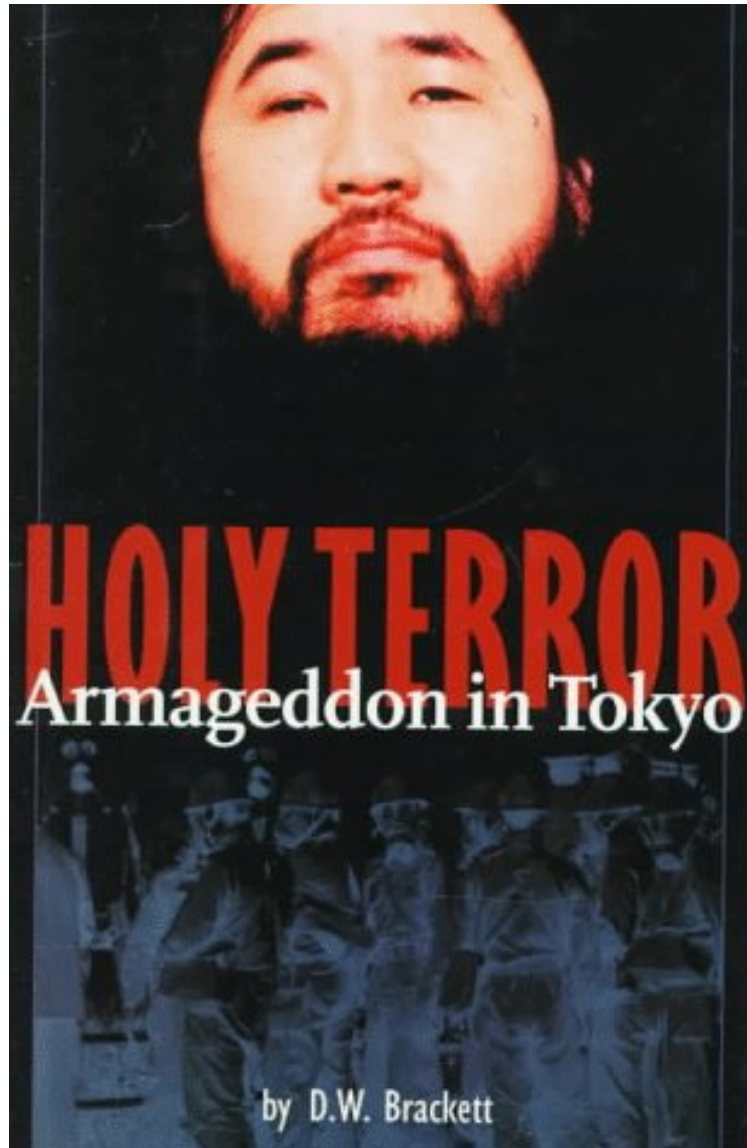


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descriptions of information. It covers the life of Shoko Asahara, the growth and structure of Aum Shinri Kyo, their brainwashing techniques, their legal battles, their theology, astonishing detail on Aums' various attacks, and the ultimate goals of Asahara's arms program. It goes beyond the sarin attack everyone knows about and details Aum's attempts to acquire nuclear weapons, mass produce assault firearms, topple the Japanese government and initiate an apocalyptic world war. As horrible as Aum's attacks were, if events had played out differently, giving them more time, things could have been far worse. 11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Stands Out in a Crowded Field By Customer I bought this book in 1997 as research material for a report I did for a federal agency on terrorist threat groups. One of the things that stood out for me when I reviewed it recently for a different project was the authors focus on the critical details of Aum's operations. Author Brackett places less emphasis on the splashy and sensational (though there is plenty of that) than on a practical review of the groups structure, facilities and leadership. Brackett's background in intelligence and journalism are readily apparent by his use of graphics to assist his narrative. These graphics include: Maps and diagrams of the cult's Mt. Fuji compound, detailed "crime scene" photos of the locations of cult attacks, descriptive graphics of the cult's spiritual beliefs and internal hierarchy, as well as large collection of pictures of the participants and victims of this cult's wave of terror. Outstanding

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From Publishers Weekly In March 1995, a Japanese terrorist sect, Aum Shinri Kyo (Aum Supreme Truth), which had governmentally sanctioned religious status, carried out a poison gas attack in Tokyo's subway system using odorless sarin, a lethal nerve gas that the sect's chemists produced; the attack left 11 dead and more than 5000 severely injured. This chilling report makes stunningly clear that small terrorist groups are capable of unleashing chemical or biological weapons of mass destruction against defenseless populations. Brackett, formerly a UPI correspondent in Tokyo, a Knight-Ridder Tokyo bureau chief and a U.S. Air Force counterterrorism expert, tells how an Aum death squad murdered a lawyer and his family in 1989 because he was prosecuting the cult. Aum commune members who wanted to quit were given lethal punishments, including execution by microwave radiation, by this account. The sect had extensive connections with former Soviet weapon scientists and leased a ranch in Australia where it mined uranium. Brackett also charges the group with mind control and widespread use of LSD and other drugs. Semi-blind Aum leader Shoko Asahara and other members are standing trial in proceedings expected to last two years. Copyright 1996 Cahners Business Information, Inc.