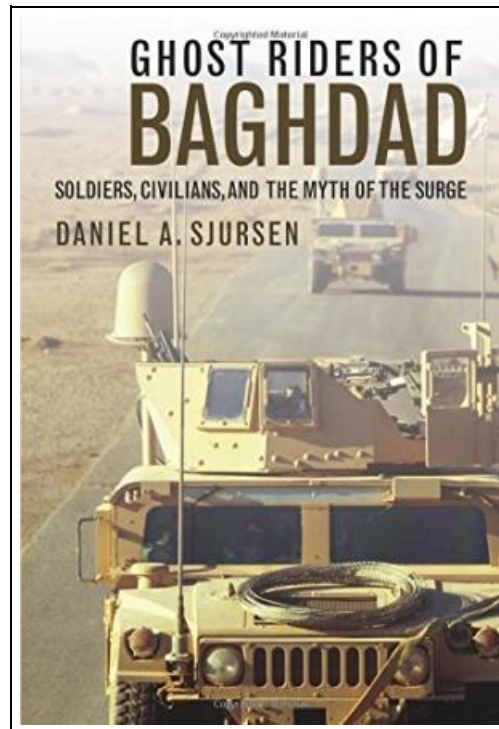# Ghost Riders of Baghdad: Soldiers, Civilians, and the Myth of the Surge

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