

'The Court dismisses the book ban.  
The accuracy of the book is not in doubt.'  
— Court of Appeal The Hague

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— *Al Jazeera*

'Holland is a cover-up wholesaler.'  
— Roger Vleugels, lawyer

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*After previous ban, once again available:*

# THE COVER-UP GENERAL

Dutch book revealing  
military intelligence scandal



'A good observation of a sad struggle  
within army command.'  
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'The secret services torn apart,  
the government unmasked.'  
— *Hebbaan* book reviews

## THE COVER-UP GENERAL



*A once-banned tell-all, blowing the cover of spies and revealing a sinister plot to obscure the Dutch failure in Srebrenica*

**Original title** De doofpotgeneraal

**Language** Dutch

**Author** Edwin F. Giltay

**Epilogue** Hans Laroës, former editor-in-chief Dutch TV news

**Genre** Non-fiction thriller

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2016: Book ban lifted

2016: 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

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A general sporting three stars on his uniform, commissioning a private spy to nose around in a commercial company. And this is not just anyone: it's the general's own wife. A tribal war within the Dutch Military Intelligence Service, with unsuspecting citizens being victimized. One would expect such a modus operandi in North Korea, not in the Low Countries. However, this is what author Edwin F. Giltay experienced — he vividly describes the saga in *The Cover-up General* (Dutch: *De doofpotgeneraal*).

In his book Giltay depicts the rather transparent conduct of secret service agents infiltrating at the internet provider where he worked. Initially, a spook tried to recruit Giltay as a military analyst. At the same time however, she herself was being monitored. At the root of this tug-of-war within Dutch Intelligence was the infamous roll film of Srebrenica depicting war crimes, which was misdeveloped by the Dutch Armed forces. The recruiting officer intended to make public the footage on the film wasn't at all lost — information that would no doubt have undermined the standing of a certain triple-star general.

*The Cover-up General* delineates this espionage scandal and serves as a factual testimony of how this secret cover-up operation spun out of control. In their billion-euro lawsuit against the Netherlands, the Mothers of Srebrenica use the book as one of their many pieces of supporting evidence.

The publication infuriated top brass. After objections from military intelligence circles, the book was banned. However, the Court of Appeal of The Hague ruled its accuracy is not in doubt and overturned the book ban. Moreover, the Appeals Court affirmed the importance of the publication for the civic discourse on Srebrenica.