

Iran... Iraq... Israel...

The Last Transition...

...the ultimate Internet adventure

a novel by Bob Magnant

This is your reality! It's a perspective that's been based on current facts that define the complexities of the Internet world plus the intrigue of globalization, all the violence of the Middle East, the daily threats of terror and the future of this nation's security and its cost to personal privacy and safety.

What's at stake may be up to you!

When new threats to peace and prosperity arise, with Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Iran and Lebanon in crisis, new heroes must emerge to confront and resolve them. The Internet world plays its part in diffusing violence and the realities of terrorism return once more to the homeland. Our environment is in danger, our global resources are being exploited and digital politics have hijacked our legal system, are impacting the Internet and are threatening our way of life. Is there something that you can do? What are the options? Who will step up to the challenge? One person can make all the difference.

Will that someone be you?

The Last Transition... is a work of fiction. Its characters, institutions, corporations and organizations are entirely the product of this author's imagination, or if they are real, are used fictitiously with no intent to describe their actual conduct. However, any references that are made to institutions and organizations or real people who are either quoted directly or documented as references or are footnoted are accurate. A recommended list of books and articles has been included at the end of the book. I will admit that I was somewhat inspired by the Seymour Hersh article *The Iran Plans*, which appeared in the April 17, 2006 issue of *The New Yorker* and was also posted on the Internet. I have taken the liberty to create some similar dialogue for selected fictional characters within my story from several of the un-attributed remarks that Hersh had 'quoted' within his article. I have the greatest admiration and respect for his investigative journalism. Additional influences are included in the author's notes.

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This is a journey into the worlds of digital technology, personal security, the Middle East and cyberspace. To cope with his own reactions to September 11th, Bob Marchant began to share some positive memories about Iran and the Middle East over the Internet with his friends. Suddenly, unknown forces threatened to steal his identity and take control of his website and his life. As he was unable to tell who these people were or what they represented, he turned to trusted friends to help him find ways to resist and to make the Internet safer. In the process, he became a champion for protecting cyberspace for future generations and becomes deeply involved in restoring civility to the real world. Can he succeed?

This tale highlights some of the fallout of globalization and some other negative realities that unfortunately you may be already too familiar with. By looking at these problems through one man's perspective, you will be transported through the complexities of today's open Internet with ease. In non-traditional wars with closed societies, openness becomes a strategic weapon. Bob's approach to greater security is twofold. First he advocates using technology to strengthen the Internet and then he promotes its use to enable us to communicate more freely with others, to talk openly without media bias or political overtones, and to get more truth on the table for a better understanding of what we want to know, whether it's from sources around the world or across the street. We must be vigilant and mindful of the needs of others and learn how to work with them to address those problems that threaten us all.

What's at stake? What does this turmoil in the world mean to you? Is there something you can do? It may all be up to you!

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