

The Terror Courts: Rough Justice at Guantanamo Bay

By Emily Bazelon

In 2001, in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the United States government opened a detention camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The camp was intended to hold suspected terrorists captured in the war on terror. Over the years, more than 700 men have been held at Guantanamo, many of them for over a decade without charge or trial.



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In 2006, the government created military commissions to try some of the detainees. These commissions were designed to be a hybrid of military and civilian courts, but they have been widely criticized for their lack of due process and for allowing the use of evidence obtained through torture.

In her new book, *The Terror Courts: Rough Justice at Guantanamo Bay*, Emily Bazelon provides a gripping and disturbing account of these military

commissions. Bazelon, a staff writer for *The New York Times Magazine*, has been covering the Guantanamo Bay detention camp since 2002. She has interviewed dozens of detainees, lawyers, and military personnel, and her book is based on extensive research and reporting.

Bazelon's book is a powerful indictment of the military commissions. She shows how the commissions have been used to deny detainees their basic rights, including the right to a fair trial. She also documents the use of torture against detainees, and she shows how the government has gone to great lengths to cover up this abuse.

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