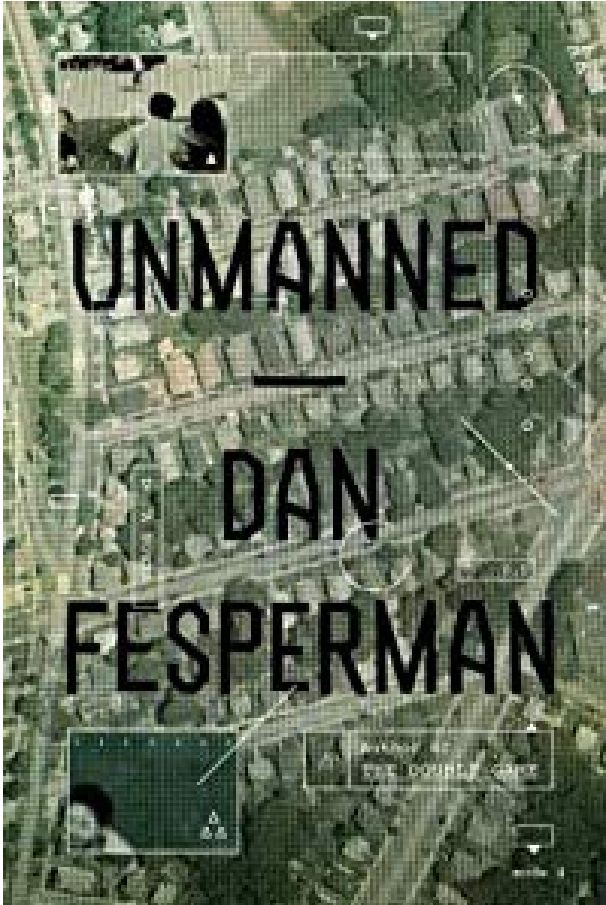


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From the widely acclaimed author of *The Prisoner of Guantánamo* and *The Double Game*, an electrifying, timely, psychologically gripping descent into the hidden, expanding world of drone warfare. Not very long ago, Darwin Cole was an F-16 fighter pilot. He was a family man. He was on top of the world. Now? He's a washout drunk with a dishonorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force, living alone in the Nevada desert and haunted by an image beamed from one of his last missions as a "pilot" of a Predator drone—a harrowing shot of an Afghan child running for her life. When Cole is approached by three journalists trying to uncover the identity of the possibly rogue intelligence operative who called the shots in Cole's ill-fated mission, Cole reluctantly agrees to team up with them. But in our surveillance culture, even the well intentioned are liable to find themselves under scrutiny, running for their lives, especially when the trail they're following leads to the very heart of that culture—in intelligence, in the military, and among the unchecked private contractors who stand to profit richly from the advancing technology . .

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