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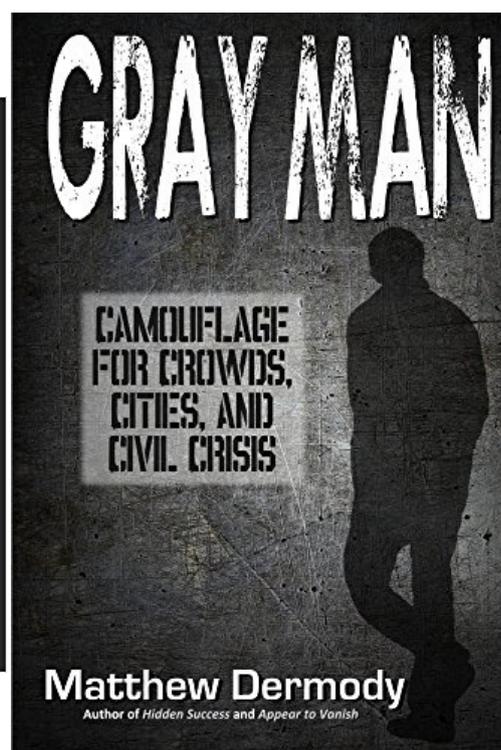
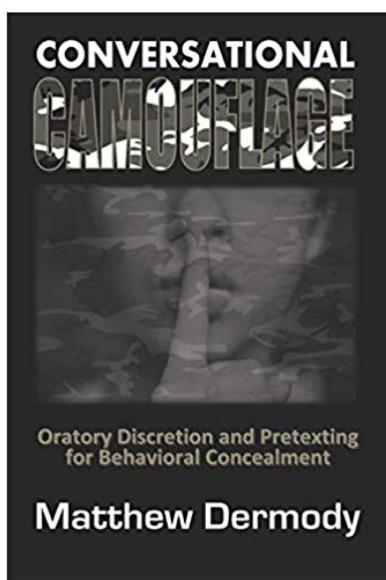
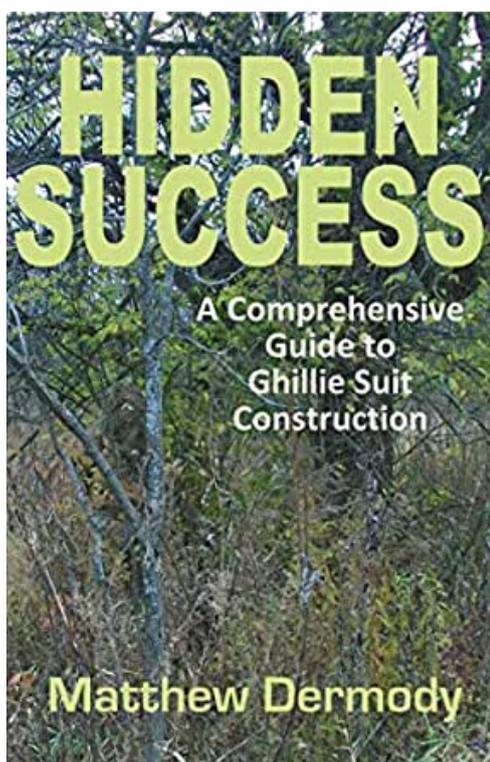
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HOW THE ART OF TRACKING CAN BE REMARKABLE TO BUILD A SOLID SITUATIONAL AWARENESS?

Tracking involves a great deal of visual data collection and subsequent interpretation. As a result, your awareness should increase in an effort to detect additional spoor, which should lead to the eventual recovery or apprehension of the individual or individuals being tracked. Your attention to detail determines the amount of spoor detected.

COULD YOU SHARE WITH US THE MOST EFFECTIVE CAMOUFLAGING TECHNIQUES USED BY SKILLED TRACKER UNITS WORLDWIDE IN THE LAST CENTURY?

Tactical tracking units need a combination of a 100% camouflage protocol and high mobility. This usually results in full camouflage clothing, face paint, and subdued weapons and equipment. This also includes sound suppression focusing on firearm suppression, various noise discipline techniques, and the use of hand signals for communication. A full compliment would incorporate a ghillie hood and serape, which would allow rapid mobility while providing the best camouflaging techniques.

CAN THE GRAY MAN BE CONSIDERED ALSO A TRACKER AND WHY?

I think a tracker and the Gray Man are two different species. As a tracker, you have to stop and analyze spoor and go where the quarry goes. You lose some of your directional independence. The Gray Man, however, can plan routes, change directions and destinations based on the circumstances.

CONCEALMENT AND TRACKING: HOW CAN THE TWO SKILLS BE RELATED IN A CONTEXT OF RURAL SURVEILLANCE?

The intent of rural surveillance is to not give or leave any evidence or clues to your presence in a particular AO. You should be mindful of and deploy anti-tracking techniques, as they fall into the realm of concealment. In terms of ingress and egress to and from a hide location, concealment is important when trying to preserve and maintain the non-disturbance of the flora and habitat.