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against their own country. Szpunar examines the ways in which identities are blurred in the war on terror, amid debates concerning who is "the real terrorist." He considers cases ranging from the white supremacist Sikh Temple shooter, to the Newburgh Four, ex-convicts

caught up in an FBI informant-led plot to bomb synagogues, to

ecoterrorists, to the Tsarnaev brothers responsible for the Boston Marathon bombing. Drawing on popular media coverage, court documents, as well as "terrorist"-produced media, Szpunar poses new questions about the strategic deployment of identity in times of conflict. The book argues that homegrown terrorism challenges our long held understandings of how identity and difference play out in war—beyond "us versus them"—and, more importantly, that the way in which it is conceptualized and combatted has real consequences for social, cultural, and political notions of citizenship and belonging. The first critical examination of homegrown terrorism, this book will make you question how we make sense of the actions of ourselves and others in global war, and the figures that fall in between.