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Bill Lamin was born in 1948 in the same East Midlands town as his grandfather, the subject of the book. He was educated at Nottingham High School, Welbeck College, the army's sixth form and the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. Before commissioning, Bill decided against a Military career and left to read Mechanical Engineering at Imperial College London. He was employed as an aerospace engineer before converting to teaching, becoming Head of Computing at a Cornish Comprehensive school until the summer of 2008. Bill surfs, plays Sunday football (both to a modest standard) and plays the guitar, just about well enough to support a pub gig.

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