

Robert David STEELE Vivas



Robert David STEELE Vivas, is featured in *The Year in Computers* (2000) and in the chapter on "The Future of the Spy" in Alvin & Heidi Toffler's *War and Anti-War: Survival at the Dawn of the 21st Century*. He has been twice-named to the Microtimes 100: "Industry leaders and unsung heroes who...helped create the future", and was the first recipient of the SOURCES *eJournal* "Sages of the Ages" award. The author, who for many years has helped train intelligence professionals from over 66 nations,

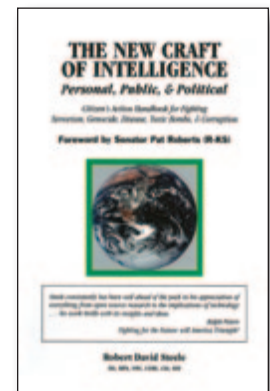
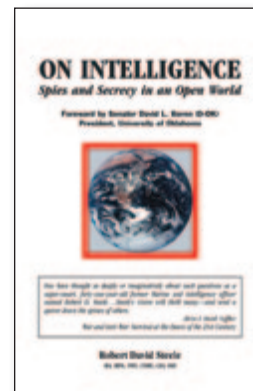
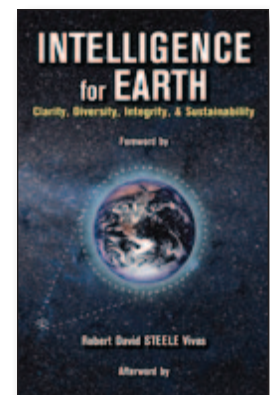
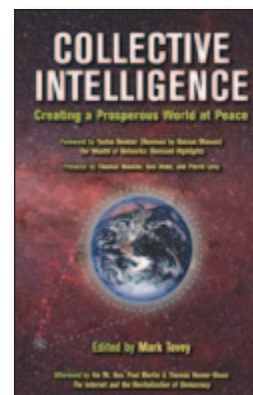
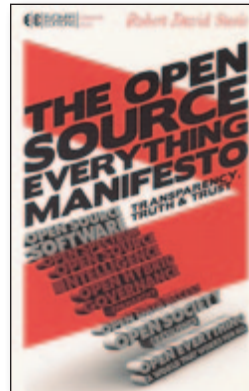
and consulted directly to 18 governments, brings to bear thirty-five years of broad experience in national, defense, and business intelligence. He has served in three of the four Directorates of the Central Intelligence Agency; served overseas in three consecutive and dangerous tours as a clandestine service officer under deep cover; helped program for overhead imagery satellites and support national signals intelligence programs; managed an offensive national-level counterintelligence program; and been the senior civilian responsible for creating the newest U.S. national intelligence production facility, the U.S. Marine Corps Intelligence Command. As the founder of Open Source Solutions Network (OSS. Net), he has inventoried open sources and services around the globe, trained 7,500 mid-career officers in Open Source Intelligence (OSINT), and written the original handbooks for the Defense Intelligence Agency; the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Special Operations Forces, and the United Nations. In 2006 he co-founded Earth Intelligence Network, a 501c3 Public Charity that creates public intelligence in the public interest, and seeks to create the World Brain and Global Game. All of his published work is available free online.

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Wired Magazine and Author of *Hacker Crackdown: Law and Disorder on the Electronic Frontier*



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Prior Praise for the Work of Robert David STEELE Vivas

Robert Steele is unusual for an American...he is clearly internationalist in his orientation. He has written a book that can bring us together in facing our greatest enemies: ignorance, poverty, and mistrust.

**Rear Admiral Hamit Gulemre Aybars,
Turkish Navy (Retired)**

Robert Steele's vision for the future of intelligence is clearly "internationalist" in nature. It focuses on regional partnerships...and on the value of open source intelligence collection.

**Rear Admiral Dr. Sigurd Hess, DE N(Ret),
Former Chief of Staff,
Allied Command Baltic Approaches**

Constantly committed to truth and honesty, [his work] demonstrates his ability to grasp the real issues and to take into account the views and concerns of men of good will from all nations and all cultures.

**Admiral Pierre Lacoste, French Navy (Ret),
Former Director of Foreign Intelligence (DSGE)**

Robert Steele goes well beyond the original visions of the best of the Directors of Central Intelligence, and has crafted a brilliant, sensible, and honorable future for the intelligence profession.

**Major General Oleg Kalugin, KGB (Ret),
Former Elected Deputy to the Russian Parliament**

Over a broad canvas reflecting the changing nature of information and information technologies, Robert Steele lays the foundation for the future of e-intelligence.

**Commodore Patrick Tyrrell, OBE,
Royal Navy, United Kingdom**

Few have thought as deeply or imaginatively about such questions as a super-smart [now fifty-seven]-year old former Marine and intelligence officer named Robert D. Steele...

**Alvin & Heidi Toffler, *War & Anti-War:
Survival at the Dawn of the 21st Century***

Steele consistently has been well ahead of the pack in his appreciation for everything from open source research to the implications of technology...his work thrills with its insights and ideas.

**Ralph Peters, *Fighting for the Future:
Will America Triumph?***

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**Bruce Sterling in *Hacker Crackdown:
Law and Order on the Electronic Frontier***

Steele's concept is simple: Empower the citizen and private sector to gather and analyze intelligence so that we can make informed decisions [using] Open Source Intelligence gathering [that] is faster, smarter, cheaper...

**Robert Young Pelton,
author, *World's Most Dangerous Places*,
producer, *Come Back Alive***

Robert Steele deserves our admiration and our focused attention for bringing the idea of open source information to the fore. His passion to serve the nation by developing this new approach...is exemplary.

**Lieutenant General Patrick Hughes,
U.S. Army (Retired),
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