Written by one of its own graduates, Class 11 is a gripping insider’s look at the first post-9/11 CIA training class—the most elite and secretive espionage training program in the country. Like all Americans, T. J. Waters was stunned, angry, and griefstricken by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. More than that, he wanted to take action to help prevent such an event from ever happening again. Waters was not alone. In the weeks following the attacks, the Central Intelligence Agency received over 150,000 resumés from people wanting to serve their nation as spies. More than one hundred students were admitted to the CIA’s Clandestine Service to become Class 11, the first post–9/11 CIA training class. It was the largest and most diverse class in the agency’s history. Joining Waters were a World Trade Center victim’s fiancée, an NFL alumnus, a New York City comedian, a college athletics coach, a hostage negotiator, and a single mother. Class 11 is the real story of how this band of everyday Americans joined together to endure the challenge of a
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