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Near the end of the millennium, hundreds of homeless people went underground to start a new life in the tunnel system beneath New York City. Acclaimed war photographer and cultural anthropologist Teun Voeten gained unprecedented access to this netherworld. For five months in 1994 and 1995 he lived in an Amtrak Tunnel under the posh Upper West Side. With him we meet Vietnam veterans, macrobiotic hippies, crack addicts, Cuban refugees, convicted killers, computer programmers, philosophical recluses and criminal runaways. The tunnel people were evicted in 1996 and were offered alternative housing, and Voeten documented that process as well. In this updated version of the book, he tracks down the original tunnel dwellers and tells what happened in the thirteen years since they left the tunnels.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Teun Voeten is an award-winning photojournalist and author who covered the conflicts in Ex-Yugoslavia, Rwanda, Sudan, Angola, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Colombia, Gaza, Liberia, Lebanon and Iraq. His work has been published in Vanity Fair, Newsweek, The New Yorker and National Geographic. He also works for the International Red Cross, Doctors Without Borders, Human Rights Watch and the United Nations. Earlier, Voeten published 'A Ticket To', a collection of his hard-hitting war photography, and 'How de Body? Hope and Horror in Sierra Leone', a book about the war in this West-African country where Voeten found himself hunted down by rebels intent on killing him.