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# INTRODUCTION

The mercenary ("merc") as an action hero is a time-honored tradition in both books and films. Mercs are well represented in novels from such authors as Frederick Forsyth and Jack Higgins, and in the likes of *Mack Bolan* and *Able Team*. The soldier of fortune is also a classic character in action cinema – whether it's the crack team of Vietnam veterans in *Uncommon Valor*, John Matrix in *Commando*, Dutch Schaefer and the boys in *Predator*, or Barney Ross and the crew in the *Expendables* series.

*GURPS Action 7: Mercenaries* provides details on the "mercs" genre for use in *GURPS Action*. It examines building a setting and campaign structure, looks at creating merc

characters, and provides how-to advice for GMs running military-themed *Action* campaigns.

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