



Former Soviet military serviceman, veterans of the Soviet–Afghan War, Hero of Russian Federation, Russian military writer-novelist, publicist. Member of the Writers' Union of Russia. Screenwriter, filmmaker.

Novelist, essayist, publicist, columnist. The author's works are devoted to military topics with an anti-war philosophy.

— He is the author of the articles, stories and essays about the events of the Afghan war (1979-1989) in the publications of the Russian Ministry of Defense — the magazine «Armeiskiy sbornik», the newspaper «Krasnaya Zvezda» and others: «Kabul Hospital», «Pilaf for Sheraghi», «He built a bridge across the Elbe», «It was impossible otherwise», «Lead blizzard», «Born in the flames of wars», «Stepped into immortality», «Twice past», «Steel stronger», «Afghanistan — a look into the past» — a trilogy, «For that guy» and others.

— Winner of the 11th All-Russian literary competition of the Central House of the Russian Army of the Ministry of Defense of Russia in 2017 in the nomination «Prose and Drama» with «Essay of a wounded soldier» from the collection «Notes of a military intelligence officer».

— Author of the military historical novel-trilogy «In the circle of Kunduz» (2020) — about the fate of six Soviet intelligence officers during the Afghan war and after it.

A number of leading Russian publications and the Russian Military Historical Society reported on nomination of Ilyas Daudi for this novel for the «Nobel Prize in Literature 2022, 2021».

Chapters of the novel were published in Russian literary and art magazines: «Nevsky almanakh»; «Sever»; «Shores»; «Russkoe pole»;

«Belaya skala»; «Biyskiy vestnik»; «Don»; «Gostiny dvor»; «Litkultprivet»; «Kazan»; «Crimea»; «Istoki»; «Argamak»; «Novaya Nemiga».

At the presentation at the Russian military historical society on 9.12.2020, I. Daudi announced that he had written a script for a full-length feature film for his novel «In the Circle of Kunduz».

— On August 31, 2021, on the day of the withdrawal of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) from Afghanistan, Iliyas Daudi's historical documentary book «The Great War in Afghanistan» was published with studies of the reasons for the entry of Soviet troops into this country in 1979 and their involvement in a long-lasting civil war.

— Later in the same year were published three novells — «We'll all be back!», «Not by the front corridor», «Zugzwang of Ober Lieutenant Bruno Thevs».

— In 2022, the anti-militaristic novel «The Zugzwang of Oberleutnant Bruno Thevs», replete with facts of resonant actions in Afghanistan of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) led by NATO in the 2000s – nominated for «The Peace Prize of German Booksellers».