

## The Battle Within A Soldiers Story

Sparta, Macedonia, and Rome--how did these nations come to dominate the ancient world? Lendon shows readers that the most successful armies were those that made the most effective use of cultural tradition.

As this book reveals, professional generals viewed the war as a military problem requiring battlefield solutions, while appointees (and President Lincoln) focused more emphatically on the broader political contours of the struggle. The resulting friction often eroded Northern morale and damaged the North's war effort. Goss challenges the traditional idea that success was measured only on the battlefield by demonstrating significant links between military success and the achievement of the Union's political objectives. Examining commanders like Benjamin Butler, Nathaniel Banks, John McClermand, John Fremont, and Franz Sigel, Goss shows how many filled vital functions by raising troops, boosting homefront morale, securing national support for the war--and sometimes even achieving significant success on the battlefield.

Major Hugh Dégaré never thought working a desk job could be worse than combat. But shortly after starting a new position in a bureaucratic military headquarters far from the front lines, he finds himself fighting to maintain his grip on reality. Amid sleepless nights and intense memories from his combat service, he does what he’s always done—takes action. Afraid of being stigmatized by his chain of command, he turns to a psychologist and an estranged friend, Daryl, now an ex-soldier. Despite his best efforts, Hugh’s rage continues to grow. When his support network starts to fall apart with no end to his symptoms in sight, Hugh finally turns to a questionable military medical system, desperate to do anything to save his career, marriage, and life itself. His last hope is that the system supposedly designed to help him doesn’t put the final nail into his coffin instead.

Many who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder do not realize what is going inside themselves. Unfortunately, those who return home from combat or who have experienced any other type of traumatic event remain in the battle, the war within. Could it be that PTSD is merely physiological symptoms related to trauma, or is it so much more than that? A Marne Mind explains the advantage of coping skills and the relationship among physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual ruin and well-being while constantly pointing to the greatest source of healing and recovery. Search for A Marne Mind: A Soldier’s War with Recovery on facebook to become a part of the Marne Mind Mission of raising awareness about PTSD and recovery. 5% of all proceeds will be donated to Operation Resilient Warrior, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping soldiers and their families. For more information about ORW visit www.operationresilientwarrior.org.

A Soldier's War with Recovery

Soldiers and Ghosts

The Battles for Trenton and Princeton

When U.S. and German Soldiers Joined Forces in the Waning Hours of World War II in Europe

Politics and Generalship During the Civil War

We Are Soldiers Still

The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War

"Highly recommended" SOLDIER, Official magazine of the British Army. "Thought provoking and gripping, the battle within is an excellent read." Matt Johnson, author of best seller Wicked Game. Synopsis... From Neil's early days as a bullied schoolboy, to the day he joined the British Army as a combat infantryman and the challenging events that followed. Newly recruited into the Royal Welch Fusiliers and quickly adopted by the mortar platoon, life came both fast and exciting. Within just 12 months, Neil took part in many training exercises in both the UK and aboard. From Parachute training, to covering the National Fire strikes to training as a patrol medic, plus more. He was even planning an attempt on the tough SAS selection course. April 2004. Deployed to Iraq with the mortar platoon and acting as patrol medic. April 21st will remain a day never forgotten. 5 suicide car bombs ripped through Basra leaving over 70 dead including many children, and hundreds badly wounded including Neil who was only 20ft from the blast. Knocked off his feet and hit by shrapnel. For many this would be traumatic enough, but for Neil this was only the beginning of a series of events that would test even the toughest to the limit, possibly beyond. This is the inspiring true story of a mind that cannot be broken.

The South African and Vietnam Wars provoked dramatically different reactions in Australians, from pro-British jingoism on the eve of Federation, to the anti-war protest movements of the 1960s. In contrast, the letters and diaries of Australian soldiers written while on the South African and Vietnam battlefields reveal that their reactions to the war they were fight surprisingly unlike those on the home fronts from which they came. Australian Soldiers in South Africa and Vietnam follows these combat men from enlistment to the war front and analyses their words alongside theories of soldiering to demonstrate the transformation of soldiers as a response to developments in military procedure, as well as changing civilian opin

In this way, the book illustrates the strength of a soldier's link to their home front lives.

Popular images of women during the American Civil War include self-sacrificing nurses, romantic spies, and brave ladies maintaining hearth and home in the absence of their men. However, as DeAnne Blanton and Lauren M. Cook show in their remarkable new study, that conventional picture does not tell the entire story. Hundreds of women assumed male aliases, disguised themselves in men's uniforms, and charged into battle as Union and Confederate soldiers—facing down not only the guns of the adversary but also the gender prejudices of society. They Fought Like Demons is the first book to fully explore and explain these women, their experiences as combatants, and the controversial issues surrounding their military service. Relying on more than a decade of research in primary sources, Blanton and Cook document over 240 women in uniform and find that their reasons for fighting mirrored those of men—patriotism, honor, heritage, and a desire for excitement. Some enlisted to remain with husbands or brothers, while others had dressed as men before the war. Some so enjoy being freed from traditional women's roles that they continued their masquerade well after 1865. The authors describe how Yankee and Rebel women soldiers eluded detection, some for many years, and even merited promotion. Their comrades often did not discover the deception until the “young boy” in their company was wounded, killed, or gave birth. In addition to examining the details of everyday military life and the harsh challenges of -warfare for these women—which included injury, capture, and imprisonment—Blanton and Cook discuss the female warrior as an icon in nineteenth-century popular culture and why twentieth-century historians and society ignored women soldiers' contributions. Shattering the negative assumptions long held about Civil War distaff soldiers, this sophisticated and dynamic work sheds much-needed light on an unusual and overlooked facet of the Civil War experience.

On the gentle rolling farm lands surrounding the little town of Gettysburg Pa. was fought one of the great decisive battles of American history. The Battle of Gettysburg. for 3 days, from July 1-3rd 1863 a gigantic struggle between 75, 000 Confederates and 88, 0000 Union troops raged about the town and left 51,000 casualties in its wake. If you are planning on visiting this battlefield this guide will provide you with a background of the events that took place on those fateful July days in 1863. A must read if you need a brief background on this historic battle and site. This Guide Book for Gettysburg National Military Park Pennsylvania is a reprint of the National Park Service Handbook Series No. 9.

Soldier Girls

Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania

The Military Planner

We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young

Those Who Hold Bastogne

The True Story of the Soldiers and Civilians Who Fought in the Biggest Battle of the Bulge

A History of Battle in Classical Antiquity

Monnett takes a closer look at the struggle between the mining interests of the United States and the Lakota and Cheyenne nations in 1866 that climaxed with the Fetterman Massacre.

John Keegan's groundbreaking portrayal of the common soldier in the heat of battle -- a masterpiece that explores the physical and mental aspects of warfare The Face of Battle is military history from the battlefield: a look at the direct experience of individuals at the "point of maximum danger." Without the myth-making elements of rhetoric and xenophobia, and breaking away from the stylized format of battle descriptions, John Keegan has written what is probably the definitive model for military historians. And in his scrupulous reassessment of three battles representative of three different time periods, he manages to convey what the experience of combat meant for the participants, whether they were facing the arrow cloud at the battle of Agincourt, the musket balls at Waterloo, or the steel rain of the Somme. The Face of Battle is a companion volume to John Keegan's classic study of the individual soldier, The Mask of Command: together they form a masterpiece of military and human history.

The story of a Soldier who fought for our freedom and yet fought a battle within. His story and his Victory

Warriors is the story of a Canadian fighter pilot whose operational flying career ended with his introduction to a headquarters staff job. He was engaged in the Cold War from his youth through an ever-changing career path. His military account begins as a raw recruit and the most junior member of the air force. As the story unfolds, the reader is taken through the author's career progression as a radar technician, his remuster to commissioned officer status and his training as a pilot in the air force. His experiences as a fighter pilot provide the layman an inside look at "the right stuff" and the thrills of operational flying combined with a complete season of formation aerobatics in a Mach 2 fighter aircraft. The author leads us through his uneasy transition to staff officer and his development in that role. He relates his three-year posting into the pilot training establishment and his participation in the eventual formation of the Snowbirds aerobatic team. In his final tour at National Defence Headquarters the author was in a position to witness first hand the deterioration of the military culture at the highest levels. He relates his struggles to maintain some semblance of military ethic in the routine conduct of his duties under ever deteriorating circumstances. This book puts the Cold War into a perspective as seen by those who lived through it. It identifies the 9/11 tragedy as the beginning of a new and frightening era. It recognises the World Trade Centre act of terrorism as a wake up call for a country that has allowed it's politicians while looking inward, to savage defence budgets over the past thirty years all the while watching it's once proud military services atrophy. This book that will be of interest to students of military and strategic studies and to the average observer of Canadian defence and foreign policy. Praise for WARRIORS AND THE BATTLE WITHIN I finished your book today and enjoyed it very much. You cover a huge amount of ground and your accuracy and power of recall without diary notes is phenomenal! You are a good writer. Your sentences are short and declarative with the subject to the front. The first point that struck me personally was that your military service paralleled mine. I agree with you that these were the best years to serve, given the Cold War and very viable Armed Forces (strength as high as 115, 000). Like you, I retired early at 53 rather than 55 years of age for exactly the same reasons you did. Another similarity was that we joined as private/airman, an invaluable experience in my opinion. I agree completely with your closing observations concerning the Armed Forces today. I have read a number of similar books and find yours the best, largely because of the crisp and clear writing without military jargon, and the continuity provided by the overarching air element of your story. It effectively ties the whole thing together. Final point, your book certainly fills a niche in the Cold War Historiography. William Bentley Macleod Colonel (ret'd) OMM, CD - Kingston, Ontario When Terry Thompson joined the RCAF as a small-town prairie boy in April of 1951, he had no idea of the adventure that lay ahead. Following a stint as a ground radar technician, he applied and was accepted as an aircrew candidate and began pilot training at Penhold, Alta, in Feb 1953. Over a long flying career, Thompson flew a variety of fighter aircraft, notably the CF-100 interceptor, the Hawker Hunter and the English Electric Lightning during an exchange tour with the RAF which included a season with the 56 Sqn Firebirds aerobatic team. He also flew the F-86 Sabre, the CF-5 Freedom Fighter, and the Tutor jet trainer as an instructor and standards officer at CFB Moose Jaw, Sask. But this book is more than just another "there I was at 30,000 feet" opus. Terry Thompson spent two

Australian Soldiers in South Africa and Vietnam

A Soldiers Story

The War Within the Union High Command

The Untold War: Inside the Hearts, Minds, and Souls of Our Soldiers

A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam

A Soldier's Story

War: How Conflict Shaped Us

*SOON TO BE A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE The incredible story of the unlikeliest battle of World War II, when a small group of American soldiers joined forces with German soldiers to fight off fanatical SS troops May, 1945. Hitler is dead, the Third Reich is little more than smoking rubble, and no GI wants to be the last man killed in action against the Nazis. The Last Battle tells the nearly unbelievable story of the unlikeliest battle of the war, when a small group of American tankers, led by Captain Lee, joined forces with German soldiers to fight off fanatical SS troops seeking to capture Castle Itter and execute the stronghold's VIP prisoners. It is a tale of unlikely allies, startling bravery, jittery suspense, and desperate combat between implacable enemies.*

*The former commander of coalition forces in Iraq reports back from the front lines of the global war on terror to provide a comprehensive and chilling exploration of America's historic military and foreign-policy blunder. With unflinching candor, Lieutenant General Ricardo S. Sanchez describes the chaos on the Iraqi battlefield caused by the Bush administration's misguided command of the military, as well as his own struggle to set the coalition on the path toward victory. Sanchez shows how minor insurgent attacks grew into synchronized operations that finally ignited into a major insurgency and all-out civil war. He provides an insider's account of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, explaining the circumstances that led to the abuses, who perpetrated them, and what the formal investigations revealed. Sanchez also details the cynical use of the Iraq War for political gain in Washington and shows how the pressure of an around-the-clock news cycle drove and distorted critical battle decisions. The first book written by a former on-site commander in Iraq, Wiser in Battle is essential reading for all who wish to understand the Iraqi incursion and the role of America's military in the new century.*

*New York Times Bestseller: A “powerful and epic story . . . the best account of infantry combat I have ever read” (Col. David Hackworth, author of About Face). In November 1965, some 450 men of the First Battalion, Seventh Cavalry, under the command of Lt. Col. Harold Moore, were dropped into a small clearing in the Ia Drang Valley. They were immediately surrounded by 2,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. Three days later, only two and a half miles away, a sister battalion was brutally slaughtered. Together, these actions at the landing zones X-Ray and Albany constituted one of the most savage and significant battles of the Vietnam War. They were the first major engagements between the US Army and the People’s Army of Vietnam. How these Americans persevered—sacrificing themselves for their comrades and never giving up—creates a vivid portrait of war at its most devastating and inspiring. Lt. Gen. Moore and Joseph L.*

*Galloway—the only journalist on the ground throughout the fighting—interviewed hundreds of men who fought in the battle, including the North Vietnamese commanders. Their poignant account rises above the ordeal it chronicles to depict men facing the ultimate challenge, dealing with it in ways they would have once found unimaginable. It reveals to us, as rarely before, man’s most heroic and horrendous endeavor.*

*This “engrossing” (The Wall Street Journal) national bestseller and true “heartbreaking tale of tragedy and redemption” (Hampton Sides, bestselling author of Ghost Soldiers) reveals how a discovered diary—found during a brutal World War II battle—changed our war-torn society’s perceptions of Japan. May 1943. The Battle of Attu—called “The Forgotten Battle” by World War II veterans—was raging on the Aleutian island with an Arctic cold, impenetrable fog, and rocketing winds that combined to create some of the worst weather on Earth. Both American and Japanese forces tirelessly fought in a yearlong campaign, with both sides suffering thousands of casualties. Included in this number was a Japanese medic whose war diary would lead a Silver Star-winning American soldier to find solace for his own tortured soul. The doctor’s name was Paul Nobuo Tatsuguchi, a Hiroshima native who had graduated from college and medical school in California. He loved America, but was called to enlist in the Imperial Army of his native Japan. Heartsick, wary of war, yet devoted to Japan, Tatsuguchi performed his duties and kept a diary of events as they unfolded—never knowing that it would be found by an American soldier named Dick Laird. Laird, a hardy, resilient underground coal miner, enlisted in the US Army to escape the crushing poverty of his native Appalachia. In a devastating mountainside attack in Alaska, Laird was forced to make a fateful decision, one that saved him and his comrades, but haunted him for years. Tatsuguchi’s diary was later translated and distributed among US soldiers. It showed the common humanity on both sides of the battle. But it also ignited fierce controversy that is still debated today. After forty years, Laird was determined to return it to the family and find peace with Tatsuguchi’s daughter, Laura Tatsuguchi Davis. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Mark Obmascik “writes with tremendous grace about a forgotten part of our history, telling the same story from two opposing points of view—perhaps the only way warfare can truly be understood” (Helen Thorpe, author of Soldier Girls).*

Soldiers in the Army of Freedom

The Epic Battle in the Soldiers' own Words and Photographs

The Last Full Measure

Soldiers Falling Into Camp

Soldiers & Civilians

Soldiers' Stories of the War

Citizen Soldiers

**It appeared inevitable**-Steven Brouschard was going to accomplish great things. He is intelligent, handsome, and equipped with the college degree he needs to obtain everything he ever wanted. It seemed nothing could hold him back. That is . almost nothing. Having already transcribed his lifelong dreams onto a tangible source to both motivate and remind, a series of eye-opening events transpire that reveal the unfortunate truth-his life had hit a brick wall. Haunted yet by a grave tragedy at the Palace of Westminster, he is torn between a mind-altering world of delusion and deceit where fact and fiction it seems-unbelievably coexist. Now, inhibited by his own perceptions more than anything, he is faced with the daunting tasks of overcoming his worst fears and conquering his greatest enemy of all. If not resolved soon, his incapacitating dissension from truth will entirely eclipse the shocking truth itself.

Is peace an aberration? The bestselling author of Paris 1919 offers a provocative view of war as an essential component of humanity. NAMED ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW AND THE EAST HAMPTON STAR “Margaret MacMillan has produced another seminal work. . . . She is right that we must, more than ever, think about war. And she has shown us how in this brilliant, elegantly written book.”—H.R. McMaster, author of Dereliction of Duty and Battlegrounds: The Fight to Defend the Free World The instinct to fight may be innate in human nature, but war—organized violence—comes with organized society. War has shaped humanity’s history, its social and political institutions, its values and ideas. Our very language, our public spaces, our private memories, and some of our greatest cultural treasures reflect the glory and the misery of war. War is an uncomfortable and challenging subject not least because it brings out both the vilest and the noblest aspects of humanity. Margaret MacMillan looks at the ways in which war has influenced human society and how, in turn, changes in political organization, technology, or ideologies have affected how and why we fight. War: How Conflict Shaped Us explores such much-debated and controversial questions as: When did war first start? Does human nature doom us to fight one another? Why has war been described as the most organized of all human activities? Why are warriors almost always men? Is war ever within our control? Drawing on lessons from wars throughout the past, from classical history to the present day, MacMillan reveals the many faces of war—the way it has determined our past, our future, our views of the world, and our very conception of ourselves.

The Art of War is an enduring classic that holds a special place in the culture and history of East Asia. An ancient Chinese text on the philosophy and politics of warfare and military strategy, the treatise was written in 6th century B.C. by a warrior-philosopher now famous all over the world as Sun Tzu. Sun Tzu's teachings remain as relevant to leaders and strategists today as they were to rulers and military generals in ancient times. Divided into thirteen chapters and written succinctly, The Art of War is a must-read for anybody who works in a competitive environment.

‘A gripping new collection from Max Hastings that puts you at the heart of the battle ... Compelling’ Daily Mail ‘An unmissable read’ Sunday Times

The Battle Within

Wiser in Battle

Vietnam in Their Own Words

Antietam

Words from the Battlefield

The Face of Battle

*On August 16, 1777, a motley militia won a resounding victory near Bennington, Vermont, against combined German, British and Loyalist forces. ↪ This laid the foundation for the American victory at Saratoga two months later. Historian Michael P. Gabriel has collected over fifty firsthand accounts from the people who experienced this engagement, including veterans from both sides and civilians—women and children who witnessed the horrors of the battle. Gabriel also details a virtually unknown skirmish between Americans and Loyalists. These accounts, along with Gabriel’s overviews of the battle, bring to life the terror, fear and uncertainty that caused thousands to see the British army as loved ones departed to fight for the fledgling United States.*

*What types of challenges and choices were faced by World War II soldiers? Find yourself in the midst of the action in The World War II Soldier Experience. Storm the beaches of Normandy on D-Day, face kamikaze attacks in the Pacific Ocean, and sweat in the blistering heat of battle in the North African desert. With 148 choices and 69 possible endings, The World War II Soldier Experience will put you on the front lines of World War II.*

*This book chronicles the controversial and unvarnished truth of Gen. George A. Custers last stand, as told by the Native American Indian descendants of the warriors and scouts who were there! This new and dramatically enhanced second edition features fifty-five pertinent photos from the 1876 era as well as prints of original art drawn by Chief Red Horse. Nine maps of the battle area and terrain expand the reader's understanding of battle strategies and their shortcomings. The work is fully indexed and referenced.*

*“The best battlefield first-person compilation I have read . . . Here it all is—the tactics, the movement, the truth about warfare.” —The Civil War Times In Antietam: The Soldiers’ Battle, historian John Michael Priest tells this brutal tale of slaughter from an entirely new point of view: that of the common enlisted man. Concentrating on the days of actual battle—September 16, 17, and 18, 1862—Priest vividly brings to life the fear, the horror, and the profound courage that soldiers displayed, from the first Federal cavalry probe of the Confederate lines to the last skirmish on the streets of Sharpsburg. Antietam is not a book about generals and their grand strategies, but rather concerns men such as the Pennsylvanian corporal who lied to receive the Medal of Honor; the Virginian who lay unattended on the battlefield through most of the second day of fighting, his arm shattered from a Union artillery shell; the Confederate surgeon who wrote to the sweetheart he left behind enemy lines in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania that he had seen so much death and suffering that his “head had whitened and my very soul turned to stone.” Besides being a gripping tale charged with the immediacy of firsthand accounts of the fighting, Antietam also dispels many misconceptions long held by historians and Civil War buffs alike. Seventy-two detailed maps—which describe the battle in the hourly and quarter-hourly formats established by the Cope Maps of 1904—together with rarely-seen photographs and his own intimate knowledge of the Antietam terrain, allow Priest to offer a substantially new interpretation of what actually happened.*

The Last Battle

The Soldiers' Battle

Warriors and the Battle Within

General John Pershing and the Americans Who Helped Win the Great War

The Winter Soldiers

The Battles at the Rosebud and the Little Bighorn

The Struggle for the Powder River Country in 1866 and the Making of the Fetterman Myth

From the New York Times bestselling author of War Letters and Behind the Lines, Andrew Carroll’s My Fellow Soldiers draws on a rich trove of both little-known and newly uncovered letters and diaries to create a marvelously vivid and moving account of the American experience in World War I, with General John Pershing featured prominently in the foreground. Andrew Carroll’s intimate portrait of General Pershing, who led all of the American troops in Europe during World War I, is a revelation. Given a military force that on the eve of its entry into the war was downright primitive compared to the European combatants, the general surmounted enormous obstacles to build an army and ultimately command millions of U.S. soldiers. But Pershing himself—often perceived as a harsh, humorless, and wooden leader—concealed inner agony from those around him: almost two years before the United States entered the war, Pershing suffered a personal tragedy so catastrophic that he almost went insane with grief and remained haunted by the loss for the rest of his life, as private and previously unpublished letters he wrote to family members now reveal. Before leaving for Europe, Pershing also had a passionate romance with George Patton’s sister, Anne. But once he was in France, Pershing fell madly in love with a young painter named Micheline Resco, whom he later married in secret. Woven throughout Pershing’s story are the experiences of a remarkable group of American men and women, both the famous and unheralded, including Harry Truman, Douglas MacArthur, William “Wild Bill” Donovan, Teddy Roosevelt, and his youngest son Quentin. The chorus of these voices, which begins with the first Americans who enlisted in the French Foreign Legion 1914 as well as those who flew with the Lafayette Escadrille, make the high stakes of this epic American saga piercingly real and demonstrates the war’s profound impact on the individuals who served—during and in the years after the conflict—with extraordinary humanity and emotional force. The acclaimed World War II historian delivers “a panoramic and compelling boots-on-the-ground illumination of one of the Bulge’s most epic battles” (Patrick K. O’Donnell, author of Washington’s Immortals). Hitler’s last gamble, the Battle of the Bulge, was intended to push the Allied invaders of Normandy all the way back to the beaches. The plan nearly succeeded, and almost certainly would have, were it not for one small Belgian town and its tenacious American defenders who held back a tenfold larger German force while awaiting the arrival of Gen. George Patton’s mighty Third Army. In this dramatic account of the 1944–45 winter of war in Bastogne, historian Peter Schrijvers offers the first full story of the German assault on the strategically located town. From the December stampede of American and Panzer divisions racing to reach Bastogne first, through the bloody eight-day siege from land and air, and through three more weeks of unrelenting fighting even after the siege was broken, events at Bastogne hastened the long-awaited end of WWII. Schrijvers draws on diaries, memoirs, and other fresh sources to illuminate the experiences not only of Bastogne’s three thousand citizens and their American defenders, but also of German soldiers and commanders desperate for victory. The costs of war are revealed, uncovered in the stories of those who perished and those who emerged from battle to find the world forever changed. “A fast-paced story . . . Schrijvers does an admirable job of weaving personal accounts into the larger picture of Bastogne’s horrors.” —The Wall Street Journal “Pulse-pounding . . . The first thorough treatment of the famous battle for Bastogne.” —John C. McManus, author of Fire and Fortitude

Finally, a planner and datebook for all services in the military whether on deployment or CONUS. Ideal for commanders, NCOs, soldiers and staff personnel. Battle Books were designed through military experience and with military planning and operations in mind. Straight-forward and adaptable to your planning and note-taking requirements, Battle Books are a daily planner, notebook and an overall guide. Sized to keep your notes and a journal; small enough and soft-cover to easily fit in your pocket. They are the same size as the Green Military Log Book but let you set up yearly, monthly and daily calendars. Battle Books are complete with graph paper and an end reference section on leadership, training, IEDs, MEDEVAC requests, and more!

“A raw, intimate look at the impact of combat and the healing power of friendship” (People): the lives of three women deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, and the effect of their military service on their personal lives and families—named a best book of the year by Publishers Weekly. “In the tradition of Adrian Nicole LeBlanc, Richard Rhodes, and other masters of literary journalism, Soldier Girls is utterly absorbing, gorgeously written, and unforgettable” (The Boston Globe). Helen Thorpe follows the lives of three women over twelve years on their paths to the military, overseas to combat, and back home...and then overseas again for two of them. These women, who are quite different in every way, become friends, and we watch their interaction and also what happens when they are separated. We see their families, their lovers, their spouses, their children. We see them work extremely hard, deal with the attentions of men on base and in war zones, and struggle to stay connected to their families back home. We see some of them drink too much, have affairs, and react to the deaths of fellow soldiers. And we see what happens to one of them when the truck she is driving hits an explosive in the road, blowing it up. She survives, but her life may never be the same again. Deeply reported, beautifully written, and powerfully moving, Soldier Girls is “a breakthrough work...What Thorpe accomplishes in Soldier Girls is something far greater than describing the experience of women in the military. The book is a solid chunk of American history...Thorpe triumphs” (The New York Times Book Review).

They Fought Like Demons

The Soldiers' Story

How Soldiers Die in Battle

One Island, Two Soldiers, and the Forgotten Battle of World War II

The Battle within America's Armed Forces

In the Line of Battle

Ia Drang—The Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam

*Considers how soldiers through the ages have met their deaths in times of war, covering such subjects as weapons and battlefield strategies while offering insight into cultural differences and the nature of military combat.*

*In the fall of 1776 the British delivered a crushing blow to the Revolutionary War efforts. New York fell and the anguished retreat through New Jersey followed. Winter came with a vengeance, bringing what Thomas Paine called "the times that try men's souls." The Winter Soldiers is the story of a small band of men held together by George Washington in the face of disaster and hopelessness, desperately needing at least one victory to salvage both cause and country. Richard M. Ketchum tells the tale of unimaginable hardship and suffering that culminated in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. Without these triumphs, the American Revolution that had begun so bravely could not have gone on.*

*This book is a collection of narratives from soldiers of different divisions and battalions of the British forces who fought in the Great War, giving a very broad view of the daily life of soldiers during the war. Chapter 18 was written by Wilfred Grenfell, who left his medical missionary work in Labrador for three months to join the Harvard Surgical Unit as a surgeon at the front in France. In this chapter, Grenfell provides details of his work in both France and Labrador.*

*The offensive on the Somme took place between July and November 1916 and is perhaps the most iconic battle of the Great War. It was there that Kitchener's famous Pals Battalions were first sent into action en masse and it was a battlefield where many of the dreams and aspirations of a nation, hopeful of victory, were agonizingly dashed. Because of its legendary status, the Somme has been the subject of many books, and many more will come out next year. However, nothing has ever been published on the Battle in which the soldiers own photographs have been used to illustrate both the campaigns extraordinary comradeship and its carnage.*

*The U.S. Army from the Normandy Beaches to the Bulge to the Surrender of Germany June 7, 1944, to May 7, 1945*

*The Somme*

*The 1st Kansas Colored, the Civil War's First African American Combat Unit*

*The Battle of Bennington*

*A Study of Agincourt, Waterloo, and the Somme*

*Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*

*The Storm on Our Shores*

"Brilliant . . . a must read for veterans and those who seek to understand them."—Huffington Post The Untold War draws on revealing interviews with servicemen and -women to offer keen psychological and philosophical insights into the experience of being a soldier. Bringing to light the ethical quandaries that soldiers face—torture, the thin line between fighters and civilians, and the anguish of killing even in a just war—Nancy Sherman opens our eyes to the fact that wars are fought internally as well as externally, enabling us to understand the emotional tolls that are so often overlooked.

"Powerful. . . . A candid, highly informative, and heartfelt tale of forgiveness between former fierce enemies in the Vietnam War." —St. Petersburg Times The #1 New York Times bestseller We Were Soldiers Once . . . and Young brought to life one of the most pivotal and heartbreaking battles of the Vietnam War. In this powerful sequel, Lt. Gen Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway bring us up to date on the cadre of soldiers introduced in their first memoir. Returning to Vietnam’s Ia Drang Valley more than four decades after the battle, Moore and Galloway renew their relationships with ten American veterans of the fabled conflict—and with former adversaries—exploring how the war changed them all, as well as their two countries. We Are Soldiers Still is an emotional journey back to hallowed ground, putting a human face on warfare as the authors reflect on war’s devastating cost. The book includes an Introduction by Gen H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

This book provides an in-depth analysis of sexual assault in the military from historical and contemporary perspectives, offering suggestions that could change the existing culture and approaches that will reduce or eliminate sexual assault in the armed forces. • Provides fact-based analyses of one of the most pressing issues facing today’s U.S. military that will aid informed policy guidance for policymakers in the military as well as those in higher education—another institution grappling with the challenges of eradicating sexual assault • Written by a noted author on topics regarding issues surrounding women who serve in today’s military • Presents input from military contributors who add credibility and invaluable insight into the problem of sexual assault within the U.S. military

It was 1862, the second year of the Civil War, though Kansans and Missourians had been fighting over slavery for almost a decade. For the 250 Union soldiers facing down rebel irregulars on Enoch Toothman’s farm near Butler, Missouri, this was no battle over abstract principles. These were men of the First Kansas Colored Infantry, and they were fighting for their own freedom and that of their families. They belonged to the first black regiment raised in a northern state, and the first black unit to see combat during the Civil War. Soldiers in the Army of Freedom is the first published account of this largely forgotten regiment and, in particular, its contribution to Union victory in the trans-Mississippi theater of the Civil War. As such, it restores the First Kansas Colored Infantry to its rightful place in American history.

Composed primarily of former slaves, the First Kansas Colored saw major combat in Missouri, Indian Territory, and Arkansas. Ian Michael Spurgeon draws upon a wealth of little-known sources—including soldiers’ pension applications—to chart the intersection of race and military service, and to reveal the regiment’s role in countering white prejudices by defying stereotypes. Despite naysayers’ bigoted predictions—and a merciless slaughter at the Battle of Poison Spring—these black soldiers proved themselves as capable as their white counterparts, and so helped shape the evolving attitudes of leading politicians, such as Kansas senator James Henry Lane and President Abraham Lincoln. A long-overdue reconstruction of the regiment’s remarkable combat record, Spurgeon’s book brings to life the men of the First Kansas Colored Infantry in their doubly desperate battle against the Confederate forces and skepticism within Union ranks.

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