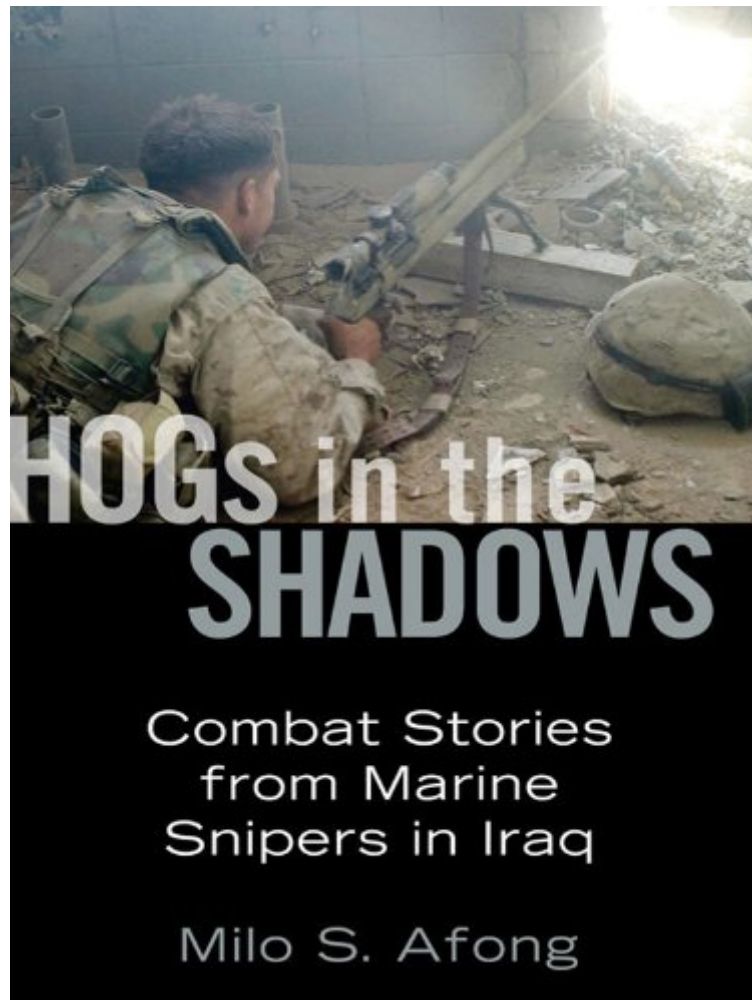




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Hogs In The Shadows: Combat Stories From Marine Snipers In Iraq



Synopsis

They have one mission? and they accomplish it with one bullet. In Operation Iraqi Freedom, there is a special breed of hunter for whom the prey is the enemy?and every day is hunting season. This soldier is a HOG?a Hunter of Gunman. These stories give firsthand accounts of just how dangerous Iraq can be, the experience of these young men, and the consequences involved with being on a Marine Scout/Sniper team?an elite group that few can make, and possessing the precision that no others can master. From sniping on a rooftop in Baghdad to unknowingly being surrounded in a palm grove in the city of Hit, these stories will transport the reader right into the heat of the desert war, where one shot can make all the difference.

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Customer Reviews

This is a good book that tells a lot of stories of assumed real experiences that various snipers and sniper teams have had in Iraq. It is setup where each chapter in it deals with a different sniper's story, with details about that person at the heading of each chapter. There is not a story like

progression through the book as it is accounts of events that have taken place in each sniper's experience in Iraq. Sometimes you will hear stories from the same events told in different points in time but otherwise there is not a normal beginning, middle, and end here. Where the book excels is giving you a non-watered down media version of what the war in Iraq was really like. There are things you read here that represent the horrors of war as well as things that show the heroism of the men involved in them. I was especially moved by one story of a highly skilled physically fit young sniper whose life was changed in an instant when he lost movement in one of his arms from an IED explosion. This book made me appreciate even more the sacrifice that everyone in combat makes and how much they should be appreciated for it. Since these are separate accounts but all on the same basic subject, the stories can get repetitive by the time you get to the end of the book. Each one is a different enough however to warrant reading, especially if like me you love reading stories about snipers in combat. If you do not like this kind of stuff then you may get bored with the repetitive elements.

I read a lot, but this book told me real stories of snipers in Iraq and Fallujah, what they did and how they did so. I know that on X-Box one and 360 I have always enjoyed taking the sniper position, however this book tells a great story of our dear, beloved defenders of our country, and my hat and heart goes out to each of the eleven men that this book tells about in a chapter by chapter version. It made one chapter about one man's war, including situations that named and included other soldiers, but it told specifically about one man in each chapter and I could get interrupted by work etc., and not feel like I was missing the story by not reading the entire book at once. Also, at the end it tells about each Marine, their position and current status as well as how the war affected each of them and on another note, another incredible, special to me item that I cannot state without quoting, at the end of this book, which I read on my Kindle, under Acknowledgments, the author says and I quote the first paragraph under Acknowledgments.... "I'm very thankful to be given the opportunity to put this book together, and its a blessing to thank the people who have helped me. ALL CREDIT GOES TO MY BEST FRIEND FOR ALLOWING ME THE OPPORTUNITY; THANK YOU JESUS CHRIST. Now that is true acknowledgment that glorifies our blessed savior. I had no idea that the author was a religious person, so his ending acknowledgment of Jesus Christ was incredible, and made this great book even more special to me. Not only is this an incredible book that I was asked to rate at the end of the book I read via Kindle, but it is a true witness when a great writer inspires us all over again by giving credit to Jesus Christ. I cannot over recommend this book to anyone who likes a book about the real life of Marines and what they do to save us all from harm. Go marines!!

We love what you each do for our country! Thank you, thank you, thank you, on behalf of America, its citizens, and myself. :) May God bless each of you richly!!:) Love you guys!!

Each story feels like the last one you just read. Not slow reading but not really something special either. Decent at best

I downloaded this book as my first purchase for the new Kindle app on my new iPhone. I'm not sure if the Kindle is unable to show pictures, or if the book did not have any. I thought pictures of the individuals and locations would have added interest. As previous reviewers mentioned, the stories are a little dry in style, but the substance is riveting. As a retired military officer, I thought the writing style was very realistic and the understated narrative was exactly what I would have expected from the heroes whose stories are recounted here. It sort of reminded me of the old movie line "No brag, just fact." When you read between the lines, the courage and professionalism of these "HOGS" and "PIGS" is inspiring. Where do we get such men?

my reviews is ten out of ten. I chose this book to try to put myself in a sniper's shoes in combat. These special operations teams save many operational combat personnel lives. I would recommend the reading of this book to a tone who would like to possibly understand what our combat personnel go through in combat, when their lives and their combat personnel while in a battle in a foreign country.

It is an interesting account of HOGs.

I have read many books about snipers, LRRPs, Force Recon and regular infantry personal experiences. This book tells some interesting stories in a fairly uninspired way. Just the facts, no real personal connection or empathy is established between the reader and the subject material, as occurs in the best books of this genre. The book is informative about how snipers operate in Iraq, but otherwise it doesn't pack much punch.

A great compilation of patriotic warriors' bravery in bringing the big hurt to the enemy. A non-stop read.

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