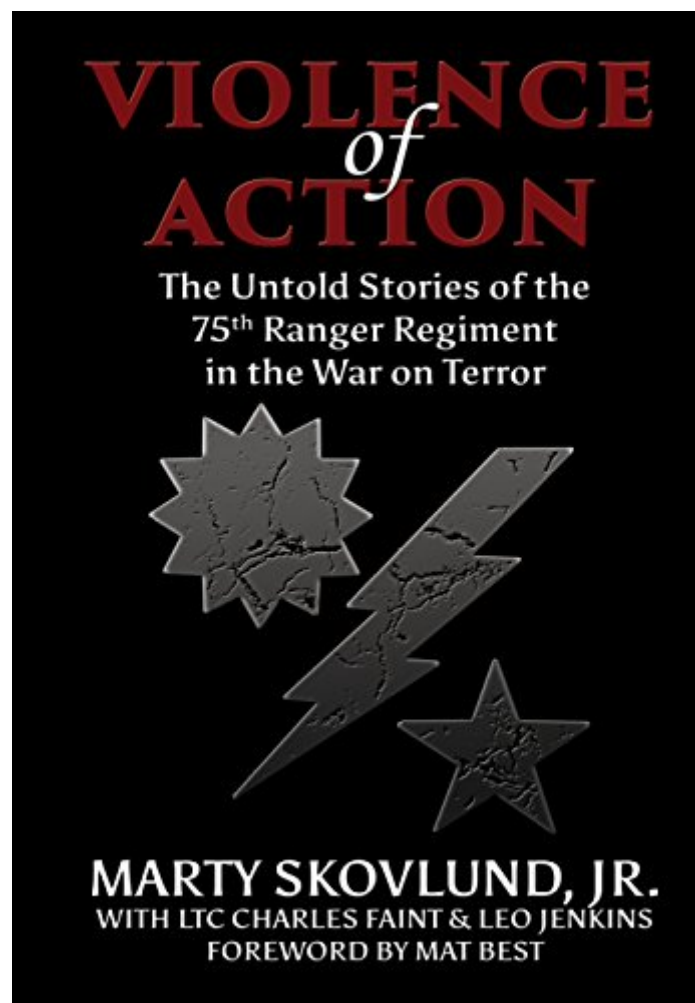




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Violence Of Action: The Untold Stories Of The 75th Ranger Regiment In The War On Terror



Synopsis

Violence of Action is much more than the true, first-person accounts of the 75th Ranger Regiment in the Global War on Terror. Between these pages are the heartfelt, first-hand accounts from, and about, the men who lived, fought, and died for their country, their Regiment, and each other. Objective Rhino, Haditha Dam, recovering Jessica Lynch, the hunt for Zarqawi, the recovery of Extortion 17 and everything in between... These stories have been told many times in barracks rooms, bar tables, and backyard barbecues but they have never before been shared with the general public. It is time for those stories to be heard. So much more than just stories from a specific unit; this book reveals the sights, smells, and emotions of everything that happens in war - good or bad. It will be seen as the quintessential, ageless work on the human condition in combat. Whether you served in the military, are a fan of military history, or just want to know more about your fellow man in times of war - this is the book for you.

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Customer Reviews

Violence of Action is the voice of the men who served their country in the aftermath of 9/11.

Whether they felt a call to action as they watched the Twin Towers fall or were already deeply immersed in their roles as defenders of the free world; these men served with honor and dignity. These are the memories of the men who returned from hell on earth and the memories that they carry of their brothers in arms that did not return with them. Each chapter is told from the point of view of a man that was willing to give his life, not necessarily for his country and definitely not for a cause; but for the man that stood to his left and to his right. While gripping and action packed the personality of each man shines through his words. The emotions whether the writer is expressing excitement, shock, fear and even amusement reaches out and pulls you in. Eloquent and beautiful, two words I'd never thought I'd used to describe non-fiction. Most certainly I never expected to use them to describe a book about war. But then again it's not really a book about war. Violence of Action is a book written about the men that lived through war, by men who lived through war and edited by men who lived through war. And that's who I'm describing when I say eloquent and beautiful. The men.

This book offers the kind of insight into the soldiers mind and heart as well as the action. I laughed, and shed tears of pain. I felt the fear, nearly puked, and celebrated the small wins alongside the big ones. These soldiers tell their story, from their perspective with honesty and forthrightness. The language is true to the soldier; it is not gratuitous though. I want this kind of book to tell the story truthfully and with personality, Violence of Action meets that want. I recommend this book to anyone who wishes to peer into the soul of the warrior, particularly the Army Ranger. I believe the reader will find humanity in the midst of inhumane situations. I think you will actually see Soul. Roy

As I finish reading Violence of Action, I have that rare feeling where you proverbially put the book down, stare at a wall, and can't do anything except say, "Damn." I am not a Ranger, nor have I ever been a Ranger. As an infantry veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, there were still many things familiar to me. The opening chapter immediately immersed me in days past, checking my kit to make sure it functioned and was accessible on my person, then rolling out to surprise a jihadist in his sleep and bring him back to base for questioning. Many infantrymen and other MOSs between the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force know that experience, but none have done it better than the barrel-chested rough men of the 75th Ranger Regiment. Through this anecdotal compilation, you see the Regiment in its early days as being the cordon for special mission units, as well as conducting traditional infantry operations. You then watch, year by year, as the Regiment transforms into a special operations/direct action unit in its own right, eventually responsible for its

own areas of responsibility and becoming the unit with the highest kill and capture tally in the Global War on Terror. The book then takes you beyond that. The Rangers are warriors elite, but they are also humans. They laugh, they weep for their fallen brothers, they feel despair in impossible situations and anger and frustration in others. You get to see the quirks, what makes these men tick, what characteristics it takes to wear the tan beret and scroll of the United States' premier direct action unit. To those who are students of special operations history, this is the GWOT spiritual successor to Six Silent Men, a series that covers the LRRP Rangers of the Vietnam War. I've no doubt the Rangers of today have met and exceeded the standards set by their predecessors, and it is only right that their exploits be documented for Americans to see. These men needed their story told, and Violence of Action told it masterfully. Simply put, this is one of the best military history books I've ever read and the best I have read of the GWOT era. If you have not read it, stop what you are doing and buy it. Rangers Lead The Way.

Very powerful! The stories are told with so much raw emotion and brutal truth in the voices of our nation's heroes, for these men are real Heroes! They literally are willing to sacrifice their lives for each other and for our country, and so many have done just that--made the ultimate sacrifice. We will never be able to repay them for everything they do to keep our nation and citizens safe. We will never be able to repay the sacrifice their families make, either. These are the best of the best! Their bravery is astounding, shocking and unparalleled. They are highly intelligent and skilled operators, but they are not machines. They are humans, with hearts and feelings, compassion, incredible dedication, loyalty and love--yes Love! They are a Brotherhood with a love and loyalty for our nation and for one another that is incomparable. They deserve our respect and so much more. These stories will stay with me for as long as I live. I was deeply moved and profoundly changed by this book. I am a veteran (not combat) USAF retired.

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