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A RANGER
MEDIC'S STORY

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Synopsis

A rare look inside the life of an Army Ranger medic. The compelling true story of what it takes to become and operate as a special operations medic during the height of the global war on terrorism. Detailed accounts (and pictures) from the search and rescue operation for the US Navy Seals that were compromised in the mountains of Afghanistan during operation Redwings (best selling book, Lone Survivor by Marcus Luttrell) is just one of the many combat operations described in this thrilling book. Take a look inside the US special operations medical course as the author trains for the reality of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lest We Forget is a respectful look into the reality of war and the impact it has on the individuals that have fought for the brothers to their left and right.

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Customer Reviews

I served with Leo in 3/75, never in the same platoon but I spent time with his sister platoon down the hall. Who knew us big dumb Rangers could spell words much less write so well??? Lest We Forget is a great read that never lulled in its pace of either action or humor and made it pretty tough to put it down. Here's to making sure history doesn't forget us! Cheers.RLTW

This book is perfect. I read it over a weekend while camping. It made me miss the Ranger environment terribly. Most of all, I miss the sense of humor and, as other reviewers have pointed out, this brings the funny. One of the reviews I read said something about this being overly macho, tooting the Ranger horn, or some such. There are other special operation books (not Rangers) I've avoided because of this very thing. I kept waiting to stumble across this kind of rah-rah braggy stuff but it never materialized on the pages. What I did find was just the opposite - references to "cool guy" gear and other self-effacing commentary that is more in keeping with the mentality of folks in the Regiment. Maybe that reviewer was referencing the places where the author describes just how hard it is to become a Ranger and stay a Ranger. I was a mediocre Ranger and got hurt and sent down the road and there was no war(s) at the time. Even though I was in when it was easy, I can tell you that I never wondered if Ranger Jenkins was stretching the truth or trying to sell the reader on how awesome the Rangers are. He just lays it out there and the truth he shares is incredibly compelling. I wish the book was longer. You probably will too.

Doc Jenkins, just finished your book. Great read. As one of the original Ranger Medics in Charlie Company, 2nd Ranger Battalion in 1974, it did my heart and soul good to see the attitude and traditions that make a Ranger Medic so unique being carried on. Thank you for sharing your tale! David Doc Burns

I sat down with a cup of coffee and read the book straight through. Seriously, I cancelled plans so I could continue to read and finish the book. About a week later, I did the same thing again (didn't have to cancel any plans the 2nd time though ;) I have read several books published by returning servicemen and I think this is one of the best that I have read. I don't know who the jerk is that gave this 1 star, but he is clearly an idiot. This incredible book provides a rare, raw, honest look at the sacrifices made at home and across the world to defend our freedom. Thank you for sharing your experiences - the training, camaraderie, the good times, the mistakes, progress, the bad days and the horrors of being in a combat zone - all of it. Thank you. When I think of the "problems" that so many of us claim on a daily basis - they are nowhere near the experiences of a bad day in the life of a Ranger or any of the other SF on the ground abroad. Every American should be truly humbled by the dedication of the men and women who serve this glorious country and on their knees in gratitude. So if you didn't feel that way before - read this and hopefully it'll provide some much needed perspective!! As a proud granddaughter of 2 WWII Vets, friend of many OIF, OEF, and OND

Vets and an avid supporter of WWP, I can't stress enough how important it is for us to do our part for our countrymen and countrywomen who laid their lives down, and give them the heroes welcome home and recognition they so, so badly deserve, provide them with proper care, benefits and employment opportunities that they boldly, bravely and selflessly fought for and are THE most deserving of!!!!

"Lest We Forget" by Leo Jenkins is an amazing story of brotherhood, service, adventure and much more. In 192 pages, Leo tells his tale of his experience as a medic in the 75th Ranger Regiment, the United States Army's premier light infantry and special operations unit. Through his stories of the infamous training course known then as "RIP" (short for Ranger Indoctrination Program), to the battlefields of Afghanistan, and the bar fights and night outs with his his Ranger buddies, this is a book you will not want to put down. There are parts that are beautiful, brutally honest, with no sugar coated layer. It is ultimately a coming of age story on where one man learns so much about himself and his friends in the span of his enlistment and it is written for the world to see. Five stars for "Lest We Forget". Thank you for your service, Leo! P.S.- I can't wait to pick up his second book "On Assimilation: A Ranger's Return From War"

I was directed to Lest We Forget: An Army Ranger Medic's Story by a friend who was an Army Ranger. After reading two books regarding helping troops with reintegration and with the physical and mental trauma they have experienced, this book helped tie everything together for me. It was a huge help to get a firsthand account of what transpired as I know it is difficult for OIF and OEF veterans to talk about their experiences. My goal for reading multiple books was/is to educate myself so that I am prepared to help my friend when he is ready to talk. In the meantime, by reading Lest We Forget, I have been able to pick up on cues and behaviors and understand, to the best of my ability, why those behaviors are present. Doc Jenkins doesn't hold anything back...he shows the good, the bad, the ugly, and the downright crazy. He also gives great insight to the life long bonds that are created from the ugliest of situations. I felt an array of emotions as I read the book. I can't thank our military enough for the hell they go through to keep us and others safe.

Always great to get a first person perspective; found this book through Matt Best. Kudos to Leo for his courage and service, but this is a hard read. No one proofread for grammar or spelling, and the narrative sounds like a tenth grade boy trying to write a gritty drama.

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