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From the deployment that brought you Restrepo:

In 2007, the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade posted to northeastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province. Battle Company, the best within the Brigade, was assigned the toughest Area of Operations. It was called the Korengal Valley. During their 15-month tour, Battle Company saw more combat than any unit since Vietnam. Raw and unapologetic, *To Quell The Korengal* is a first-hand account of life on the front lines. Written by a grunt on the ground, it is rife with gun fights, grueling foot patrols, a villainous Company Commander, the austere routines of the American Soldier, and the kind of humor only a war could love.

Though equally appealing to combat-hardened readers, the story is told in a manner any civilian can comprehend. It was the author's wish that the book could serve as a bridge of understanding for a veteran's wife or mom, or anyone curious about the conflict and sacrifices of our nation's troops.

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Richard C Welch says

Vietnam Without The Jungle

REMINDS me of the Rong Rong Valley and the A Shaun Valley in Northern I Corp in 1968-69 without the jungle.

Tom Ferrara says

Read this now, they make me proud to be American

What a great book , the way it was written, the small details of everyday life, living under the a lot of military b.s., the absolute dangerous patrols they did, I could continue this run on sentence forever and not do justice for the book. I was in the army from 1966 to 1969 so I know a little about the army, no combat though since they changed my orders to go to Korea from Vietnam. I wish nothing but good things for all those who went to combat anywhere but especially the ones that were stuck in Afghanistan and Iraq, a thankless cesspool of humanity.

Daniel Patitz says

Good Story

Didn't realize the efforts the American combat units went to in Afghanistan. The book is a good portrayal. Makes you realize whatever veterans have been through

Clive phillips says

An absolute "Must read!"

This is a well written,if sometimes littered with American slang,and eye opening book. Leftards and libtards will hate it but patriots with open minds will see what life in Afghanistan was really like for troops. They were lambs led to slaughter but they never gave up and every single one was a hero. The book tells the truth about life in a primitive Muslim country. It pulls no punches and I'm pleased that I read it.

John Laymon says

Great American Soldier

Everyone enlisting in the Army should read this book to get a real, no bullshit idea what combat arms is all

about.

Buck Burnette says

Though The Eyes of a Soldier You would have to have been there. Or served elsewhere.

This 173rd Airborne Soldier tells his sorry as he seen it. It makes you feel like you would wanted to serve there with him with pride. Though there's a lot of people that couldn't handle it. My hats off to you friend.

a.t.m. says

Must read book for all Americans

I hope the author considers writing other books: children's books, mystery novels, history, no matter, because he has a great gift. The author wrote about his experience in Afghanistan and life in a very isolated base where showers came once a month, firefights were common, a hot meal was rare, a full nights sleep was rare, and morale was high.

His book illustrates what is wrong with today's army, with soldier's not wanting to go out on patrols and high ranking officer's putting the lives of their men in jeopardy. In one case, nine America's died , and all this while the authors unit were two weeks from having served their allotted time in country. What a waste? The author writes in the style of Michael Herr, "Dispatches", and Joseph Wambaugh, " the choirboys". I love dark humor and so I highly recommend this book. It should be required reading by every soldier going through OCS and every high school senior, as a reminder that we are a nation at war and America's are dying every day in combat.

Mark says

Not pulling punches

I gave this 4 stars because I felt it was well written, and the author was very candid about his feelings. This book really connected me with the soldiers , they were a lot more human than some other books I have read. This is due in part to the author showing us the good and the bad, the truth of these men. Not a crew of manscaped one dimensional heroes, but a bunch of dirty, underpaid and overworked guys who stepped up and got it done.

Ange says

Great anecdotal summary of life in action in one of the most dangerous valleys in the world. Very raw, captivating and also very humorous at times. If you're interested in the day-to-day life in heavy modern day combat, and if you enjoy documentaries such a Restrepo and Korengal, I highly recommend this book.

Mike Lengle says

Great book

Great book, very quick and easy read. Explicitly written from the eyes of the front line. Recommended reading for anyone with interest in military stories

Catherine says

The life and growth of a sky soldier.

At first I thought, what a whiner. I know this story as the parents of one of the people who was there with you. Then I noticed a change in your attitude. And I realized, I've been comparing my time in another theatre of action so you have awakened those feelings. I guess this is a side effect of your writing. Well done young son. I learned more than our son has ever shared. Thank you. I am guessing that you are out. I wish you well in your future. It gets better. y

R.W. Krpoun says

Good book

Many typos, and incorrectly used words (palette instead of pallet for one example), but a heart-felt story of one mans experience all the same.
