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Assassination Vacation

Ashley's War

Waging Gendered Wars examines, through the analytical lens of feminist international relations theory, how U.S. military women have impacted and been affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Although women were barred from serving formally in ground combat positions within the U.S. armed forces during both wars, U.S. female soldiers are being killed in action. By examining how U.S. military women's agency as soldiers, veterans, and casualties of war affect the planning and execution of war, Whaley Eager assesses the ways in which the global world of international politics and warfare has become localized in the life and death narratives of female service personnel impacted by combat experience, homelessness, military sexual trauma, PTSD, and the deaths of fellow soldiers.

One Shot One Kill

American Sniper (Enhanced Edition)

The #1 New York Times bestselling memoir of U.S. Navy Seal Chris Kyle, and the source for Clint Eastwood's blockbuster movie which was nominated for six academy awards, including best picture. From 1999 to 2009, U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle recorded the most career sniper kills in United States military history. His fellow American warriors, whom he protected with deadly precision from rooftops and stealth positions during the Iraq War, called him "The Legend"; meanwhile, the enemy feared him so much they named him al-Shaitan ("the devil") and placed a bounty on his head. Kyle, who was tragically killed in 2013, writes honestly about the pain of war—including the deaths of two close SEAL teammates—and in moving first-person passages throughout, his wife,

Taya, speaks openly about the strains of war on their family, as well as on Chris. Gripping and unforgettable, Kyle's masterful account of his extraordinary battlefield experiences ranks as one of the great war memoirs of all time.

Shooting Straight

A written guide that provides readers with the insights, self evaluations and tools to optimize themselves, prevail over mediocracy and become their best possible self.

The Sniper and the Wolf

Marcus Luttrell, author of the #1 bestseller Lone Survivor, share war stories about true American heroism from himself and other soldiers who bravely fought alongside him. Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell returned from his star-crossed mission in Afghanistan with his bones shattered and his heart broken. So many had given their lives to save him -- and he would have readily done the same for them. As he recuperated, he wondered why he and others, from America's founding to today, had been willing to sacrifice everything—including themselves—for the sake of family, nation, and freedom. In Service, we follow Marcus Luttrell to Iraq, where he returns to the battlefield as a member of SEAL Team 5 to help take on the most dangerous city in the world: Ramadi, the capital of war-torn Al Anbar Province. There, in six months of high-intensity urban combat, he would be part of what has been called the greatest victory in the history of U.S. Special Operations forces. We also return to Afghanistan and Operation Redwing, where Luttrell offers powerful new details about his miraculous rescue. Throughout, he reflects on what it really means to take on a higher calling, about the men he's seen lose their lives for their country, and the legacy of those who came and bled before. A thrilling war story, Service is also a profoundly moving tribute to the warrior brotherhood, to the belief that nobody goes it alone, and no one will be left behind.

The Code. the Evaluation. the Protocols

How industrialization undid a region in Mexico Scholars once treated regions as fundamental units of social organization, influencing the affairs of communities and households. Chris Kyle renews that perspective by charting the history of a preindustrial region in the southern Mexican state of Guerrero. Examining the city of Chilapa and its surrounding countryside, he documents a region's initial formation, subsequent evolution, and ultimate dissolution, brought about by the forces of industrialization. Feeding Chilapa traces the emergence of Chilapa as a textile center in the late eighteenth century, the reorganization of the city's hinterland in the mid-nineteenth century, and the ultimate dissolution of the region in the mid-twentieth century. When improved transportation enabled the

movement of cheap goods over long distances, subsistence and artisanal production declined or disappeared, and labor relations, settlement geography, and migration patterns were transformed. Kyle offers a new perspective on the immigration debate, exploring the factors that lead rural citizens to leave economically depressed regions for larger Mexican cities, border industries, or the United States. Written to be accessible to undergraduates, this volume offers a counterpoint to traditional community-based studies and our understanding of change in Latin America. Chris Kyle is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and author of numerous scholarly articles on rural Mexico.

American Wife

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * "A CLASSIC OF WAR REPORTING...THERE IS NO DOWNTIME IN THIS RELENTLESS BOOK."—The New York Times * "REMARKABLE...A MEMORIAL IN PAGES."—The Washington Post * "GRIPPING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING."—USA Today * "EVOCATIVE."—Publishers Weekly, (Starred Review) * "IT JOINS THE BEST WAR LITERATURE THIS COUNTRY HAS EVER PRODUCED."—Sebastian Junger, bestselling author of *Tribe* and War Pulitzer Prize winner C.J. Chivers's unvarnished New York Times bestseller is a chronicle of modern combat, told through the eyes of the fighters who have waged America's longest wars: "A classic of war reporting...there is no downtime in this relentless book" (The New York Times). More than 2.7 million Americans have served in Afghanistan or Iraq since September 11, 2001, and C.J. Chivers reported on both wars from their beginnings. *The Fighters* vividly conveys the physical and emotional experience of war as lived by six combatants: a fighter pilot, a corpsman, a scout helicopter pilot, a grunt, an infantry officer, and a Special Forces sergeant. Chivers captures their courage, commitment, sense of purpose, and ultimately their suffering, frustration, and moral confusion as new enemies arise and invasions give way to counterinsurgency duties for which American forces were often not prepared. *The Fighters* is a "gripping, unforgettable" (The Boston Globe) portrait of modern warfare. Told with the empathy and understanding of an author who is himself an infantry veteran, *The Fighters* is "a masterful work of atmospheric reporting, and it's a book that will have every reader asking—with varying degrees of urgency or anger or despair—the final question Chivers himself asks: 'How many lives had these wars wrecked?'" (Christian Science Monitor).

Shock Factor

In 2010, the Army created Cultural Support Teams, a secret pilot program to insert women alongside Special Operations soldiers battling in Afghanistan. The Army reasoned that women could play a unique role on Special Ops teams: accompanying their male colleagues on raids and, while those soldiers were searching for insurgents, questioning the mothers, sisters, daughters and wives living at the compound. Their presence had a calming effect on enemy households, but more

importantly, the CSTs were able to search adult women for weapons and gather crucial intelligence. They could build relationships—woman to woman—in ways that male soldiers in an Islamic country never could. In *Ashley's War*, Gayle Tzemach Lemmon uses on-the-ground reporting and a finely tuned understanding of the complexities of war to tell the story of CST-2, a unit of women hand-picked from the Army to serve in this highly specialized and challenging role. The pioneers of CST-2 proved for the first time, at least to some grizzled Special Operations soldiers, that women might be physically and mentally tough enough to become one of them. The price of this professional acceptance came in personal loss and social isolation: the only people who really understand the women of CST-2 are each other. At the center of this story is a friendship cemented by "Glee," video games, and the shared perils and seductive powers of up-close combat. At the heart of the team is the tale of a beloved and effective soldier, Ashley White. Much as she did in her bestselling *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana*, Lemmon transports readers to a world they previously had no idea existed: a community of women called to fulfill the military's mission to "win hearts and minds" and bound together by danger, valor, and determination. *Ashley's War* is a gripping combat narrative and a moving story of friendship—a book that will change the way readers think about war and the meaning of service.

American Gun

From a place you will not see, comes a sound you will not hear. Groundbreaking, thrilling and revealing, *The Reaper* tells the incredible true story of the legendary Nicholas Irving, and his journey from wayward Maryland kid to the 3rd Ranger Battalion's deadliest Master Sniper. Irving delivers a gripping first-person account of his development as an expert assassin. Once deployed, his romanticised expectations of life at war are torn apart. Enduring extreme physical and mental conditions, he learns the true meaning of discipline and focus. From the brotherhood and selflessness of teammates in battle to the cold reality of taking one life to protect another, no other book so dramatically lays bare the experiences of a sniper on point.

The Reaper

Jim Grant was a visionary leader on a global scale. As Executive Director of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, from 1980 to 1995, he launched a worldwide child survival and development revolution. The practical result was that by 1995, 25 million children were alive who would otherwise have died. Millions more were living with better health and nutrition. The eight stories in this volume, each one written by a close colleague of Jim Grant, celebrate this achievement. They also draw out the lessons on Grant's vision and leadership - lessons relevant in many other contexts.

Conversations with RBG

Updated edition of the essential guide for enlisted soldiers in the U.S. Army This military reference guide, completely revised for the current army, is targeted at young men and women who have enlisted in the U.S. Army or are thinking about doing so. The book is a must-have resource for a successful career or tour as an American soldier and covers duties and responsibilities, promotion and career opportunities, real-world issues, customs and traditions, uniforms and insignia, pay and benefits, physical fitness, and personal and family matters.

Feeding Chilapa

He was known as "the G.I. General" - humble, self-effacing, hard-working, reflecting the small-town virtues of the America whose uniform he wore. But those very virtues have led historians to neglect General Omar Bradley - until now. Bestselling author Jim DeFelice, in this, the first-ever biography of America's last five-star general, tells Bradley's full story, and argues that the neglected G.I. General did more than any other to defeat Hitler in World War II. DeFelice reveals: Why Bradley deserves most of the credit for America's victories in North Africa How Bradley was one of Patton's great defenders and tried to cover up the infamous slapping incident How Eisenhower panicked - when Bradley didn't - during the early stages of the Battle of the Bulge Why Bradley expected the Germans might use radiological weapons at Normandy Meticulously researched, using previously untapped document and unpublished diaries, Omar Bradley: General at War deserves a place on the shelf of every reader of World War II history.

Summary of American Sniper: Memorial Edition: Trivia/Quiz for Fans

Chronicles the life of Navy SEAL Team Six operator Adam Brown, a man whose heroism and devotion still stand as a beacon to his friends and family, even after his death in the Afghan Hindu Kush mountains in 2010.

The First World War

Learning about an imminent terrorist attack, CIA operative Mitch Rapp takes the lead in a daring commando raid into northern Pakistan, where he obtains information about a planned nuclear attack but suspects that a greater threat has yet to be uncovered. By the author of Executive Power. Reprint.

Military Review

In 1991 Chuck Mawhinney was reluctantly dragged out of anonymity when it was revealed that he held the record among United States Marine Corps snipers with over 103 confirmed kills. This story takes a look at the mindset and philosophy of an American Sniper as he is thrown into Arizona territory (named as such because of its numerous Wild West style firefights) at the height of the Vietnam War.

Politics and Film

Politics and Film examines popular movies and television shows as indicators of social and political trends to explore the political culture of the United States. Updated to include the popular and controversial movies and shows *American Sniper*, *House of Cards*, *Orange Is the New Black*, and *Twelve Years a Slave*, the second edition investigates popular conceptions of government, the military, intelligence and terrorism, punishment and policing, and recognizes mistakes or dark times in our shared history.

Sons of the Flag

New York Times bestselling author of *The Word Shipmates* and contributor to NPR's "This American Life" Sarah Vowell embarks on a road trip to sites of political violence, from Washington DC to Alaska, to better understand our nation's ever-evolving political system and history.

Civilian Warriors

The sniper is a battlefield threat second to none. Mastering the art of marksmanship is critical but is only part of what makes a Navy SEAL sniper. Snipers must be able to apply the craft in an urban environment or alone on a hostile mountain top with equal effectiveness. Today's sniper must not just leverage technological advances but also have the foreknowledge to select the best rifle and gear for the mission. Increasingly, he must have the mental toughness to adapt to a constantly changing environment, gather intelligence, and truly act as a force multiplier. In this comprehensive look through the eyes of former Navy SEAL sniper instructor Brandon Webb and fellow Navy SEAL snipers Chris Kyle and Glen Doherty, the authors reveal not just the fundamentals of marksmanship but also the science of shooting, stalking, and camouflage and how technological advances have changed the training and increased the effectiveness of the modern sniper. Including maritime, helicopter, and urban sniper operations, this updated edition also goes into detail on the latest research, development, testing, and evaluation of weapons and optics. From the basics like compensating for wind and bullet drop, to camouflage and placing yourself or your team in the best position to take a photo or pull a trigger, Webb and Doherty cover the critical elements that comprise the twenty-first century sniper.

The Recipient's Son

From Beau Wise and Tom Sileo comes *Three Wise Men*, an incredible memoir of family, service and sacrifice by a Marine who lost both his brothers in combat--becoming the only "Sole Survivor" during the war in Afghanistan. Shortly after the 9/11 attacks, three brothers by blood became brothers in arms when each volunteered to defend their country. No military family has sacrificed more during the ensuing war, which has become the longest ever fought by America's armed forces. While serving in Afghanistan, US Navy SEAL veteran and CIA contractor Jeremy Wise was killed in an al Qaeda suicide bombing that devastated the US intelligence community. Less than three years later, US Army Green Beret sniper Ben Wise was fatally wounded after volunteering for a dangerous assignment during a firefight with the Taliban. Ben was posthumously awarded the Silver Star, while Jeremy received the Intelligence Star--one of the rarest awards bestowed by the U.S. government--and also a star on the CIA's Memorial Wall. United States Marine Corps combat veteran Beau Wise is the only known American service member to be pulled from the battlefield after losing two brothers in Afghanistan. Told in Beau's voice, *Three Wise Men* is an American family's historic true story of service and sacrifice.

Three Wise Men

In her own words, Ruth Bader Ginsburg offers an intimate look at her life and career, through an extraordinary series of conversations with the head of the National Constitution Center. This remarkable book presents a unique portrait of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, drawing on more than twenty years of conversations with Jeffrey Rosen, starting in the 1990s and continuing through the Trump era. Rosen, a veteran legal journalist, scholar, and president of the National Constitution Center, shares with us the justice's observations on a variety of topics, and her intellect, compassion, sense of humor, and humanity shine through. The affection they have for each other as friends is apparent in their banter and in their shared love for the Constitution--and for opera. In *Conversations with RBG*, Justice Ginsburg discusses the future of *Roe v. Wade*, her favorite dissents, the cases she would most like to see overruled, the #MeToo movement, how to be a good listener, how to lead a productive and compassionate life, and of course the future of the Supreme Court itself. These frank exchanges illuminate the steely determination, self-mastery, and wit that have inspired Americans of all ages to embrace the woman known to all as "Notorious RBG." Whatever the topic, Justice Ginsburg always has something interesting--and often surprising--to say. And while few of us will ever have the opportunity to chat with her face-to-face, Jeffrey Rosen brings us by her side as never before. *Conversations with RBG* is a deeply felt portrait of an American hero.

Fearless

They are the lone wolves of the battlefield. Tracking the enemy, lying in wait for the target to appear -- then they shoot to kill. Armed with an unerring eye, infinite patience and a mastery of camouflage, combat snipers stalk the enemy with only one goal. In World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Beirut, American snipers honed the art of delivering a single deadly shot from nowhere -- and devastating enemy morale. They met the enemy on his own turf, picking off officers, unwary soldiers, and even other snipers from extraordinary distances of up to 1 ½ miles. Now, these uncommon men tell their stories: of the emotions felt when a man's face came into their crosshairs and they pulled the trigger, of the nerve-racking hours and days of waiting, motionless, for the enemy, of the primal savagery of a sniper duel. Often trained haphazardly in wartime, and forgotten in times of peace, combat snipers were officially recognized after the Vietnam War, when the Marine Corps became the first military branch to start a full-time sniper school. One Shot-One Kill is their powerful record of desperate trials and proud victories. A MAIN SELECTION OF THE MILITARY BOOK CLUB

The Murder of Chris Kyle

A military journalist examines the changing strategies of the U.S. military in Iraq, arguing that American policies are opening a path to victory and setting the stage for a stabilized Iraq.

The Strongest Tribe

A mix of Tony Hawk and Brian Welch comes together in skateboarding legend Christian Hosoi, who reveals everything about his rise, fall, and redemption, in this amazing tell-all—from being named the greatest skater of all time to bottoming out on drugs to finally finding redemption through God. Fans of Slater Kelly's Pipe Dreams and Brian Welch's Save Me From Myself, and followers of Tony Alva, Jay Adams, and Steve Caballero, will be captivated by this extraordinary, star-studded story, a gripping read that ranges from the heart of the 1980s skateboarding scene to the inside of a prison, from Hollywood parties to intense prayer sessions. Hosoi: My Life as a Skateboarder Junkie Inmate Pastor takes readers to the heart of one little-known world after another—and he portrays them in all their gore and glory for all the world to see.

Service

Navy SEAL Sniper

Chad Littlefield riding in the passenger seat gets a text from Chris Kyle saying, This dude is straight up nuts Watch my six. A police officer pulled up to the house. The officer told Taya, Chris has been hurt. Have you seen Chris truck? Taya called her mother and told her

something was wrong. American soldier and patriot Chris Kyle died unexpectedly on home soil at the top of his game with all the glory and medals one man could ever imagine. Suddenly, a wife was left without a husband and children without a father. The trial of his alleged killer, Eddie Ray Routh, was soon to begin when Robert Blevins felt a need to be present at the legal proceedings. Blevins had followed the tragic case from the beginning, but something in his gut told him he had to attend the trial. He traveled to Stephenville, Texas, and became witness to what would be a judicial process wrought with emotional upheaval and anger. He witnessed families experience the pain of losing a child as well as watching a child go to prison. Not immune to the emotions around him, Blevins, too, descended into despair at the loss of Chris Kyle. To Blevins, there are not enough men like Kyle brave soldiers who fight for our freedom.

Waging Gendered Wars

The widow of "American Sniper" Chris Kyle shares their private story: an unforgettable testament to the power of love and faith in the face of war and unimaginable loss—and a moving tribute to a man whose true heroism ran even deeper than the legend. In early 2013, Taya Kyle and her husband Chris were the happiest they ever had been. Their decade-long marriage had survived years of war that took Chris, a U.S. Navy SEAL, away from Taya and their two children for agonizingly long stretches while he put his life on the line in many major battles of the Iraq War. Then, the unthinkable. On February 2, 2013, Chris and his friend Chad Littlefield were killed while attempting to help a troubled vet. In an instant, Taya became a single parent of two. A widow. A young woman facing the rest of her life without the man she loved. Chris and Taya's remarkable story has captivated millions through Clint Eastwood's blockbuster, Academy Award-winning film American Sniper. Now, with trusted collaborator Jim DeFelice, Taya writes in never-before-told detail about the hours, days, and months after his shocking death. And yet throughout, friendship, family, and a deepening faith were lifelines that sustained her and the kids when the sorrow became too much. American Wife is one of the most remarkable memoirs of the year—a universal chronicle of love and heartbreak, service and sacrifice, faith and purpose that will inspire every reader.

American Spirit

"Piers Morgan gives an adrenaline-fueled account of life at CNN in the style of Aaron Sorkin's The News Room, as well as his career-defining decision to take on the issue of gun control at its historical tipping point" --

West Like Lightning

A retired marine sniper and an award-winning journalist present an insider's assessment of America's sniper force to challenge popular misconceptions and pay tribute to the snipers who made pivotal contributions during the War on Terror.

American Sniper

"One of the very best books to come out of the war in Iraq," (Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, bestselling author of *On Killing*), *The Last Punisher* is a gripping and intimate on-the-ground memoir from a Navy SEAL who was part of SEAL Team THREE with American Sniper Chris Kyle. Experience his deployment, from his first mission to his first kill to his eventual successful return to the United States to play himself in the Oscar-nominated film directed by Clint Eastwood and starring Bradley Cooper. *The Last Punisher* is a "thoughtful, funny, and raw...always compelling" (Bing West, *New York Times* bestselling author of *No True Glory*) first-person account of the Iraq War. With wry humor and moving testimony, Kevin Lacz tells the bold story of his tour in Iraq with SEAL Team THREE, the warrior elite of the Navy. This legendary unit, known as "The Punishers," included Chris Kyle (*American Sniper*), Mike Monsoor, Ryan Job, and Marc Lee. These brave men were instrumental in securing the key locations in the pivotal 2006 Battle of Ramadi. Minute by minute, Lacz relays the edge-of-your-seat details of his team's missions in Ramadi, offering a firsthand glimpse into the heated combat, extreme conditions, and harrowing experiences they faced every day. Through it all, Lacz and his teammates formed unbreakable bonds and never lost sight of the cause: protecting America with their fight. "A rare glimpse into the mind of a Navy SEAL," (Clint Emerson, *New York Times* bestselling author of *100 Deadly Skills*) Kevin Lacz brings you onto the battlefield and relays the tough realities of war. At the same time, Lacz shares how these experiences made him a better man and how proud he is of his contributions to one of this country's most difficult military campaigns. *The Last Punisher* is the story of a SEAL and an "honest-to-God American hero" (Mike Huckabee, #1 bestselling author) who was never afraid to answer the call.

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Summary of *American Sniper: Memorial Edition* by Chris Kyle:
Trivia/Quiz for Fans Features You'll Discover Inside: - A comprehensive guide to aid in discussion and discovery - 30 multiple choice questions on the book, plots, characters, and author - Insightful resource for teachers, groups, or individuals - Keep track of scores with results to determine "fan status" - Share with other book fans and readers for mutual enjoyment
Disclaimer: This is an unofficial summary, analysis and trivia book to enhance a reader's experience to books they already love and appreciate. We encourage our readers to purchase the original book first before downloading this companion book for your enjoyment.

Enlisted Soldier's Guide

The Recipient's Son is a coming-of-age story set at the US Naval Academy in the 1990s. By the author of Proximity, it tells the story of Donald Durago, a young man whose father was killed in the Vietnam War. For his heroic actions under fire, his father was a recipient of the Medal of Honor. His father's heroism also provides Durago with an appointment to the US Naval Academy, since it is as a benefit offered to children of Medal of Honor recipients. However, his father's legacy also carries with it the burden of being worthy of his bravery, honor, and sacrifice. Durago struggles through his plebe year, and his poor performance leads to restriction over Christmas leave. During this time, Master Chief Strong helps the young midshipman learn to identify with his father's sacrifice, his naval heritage, and the challenges of academy life. Under his guidance, Durago grows into a model midshipman. In the spring of his senior year, however, he is accused of harassment. Concerned that he will be kicked out of the academy, Durago is forced to realize that he has not completely dealt with his father's death, including nightmares of being a POW during times of stress. He leans on his roommate, James "Slim" Warren, and his budding relationship with JAG officer Lieutenant Junior Grade Jan Meyer. The Recipient's Son highlights all the major facets and phases of life at the US Naval Academy. Equally important, it forces the reader to consider questions about leadership, concepts of honor, and the balance between service and personal sacrifice. It is a story of a young naval officer's coming to terms with his legacy as the son of a celebrated war hero. The Recipient's Son is a stirring tale of a young man coming to grips with the heroism of his father and overcoming his self-doubts to accept the challenge of serving his country on his own terms.

Memorial Day

Erik Prince explains his original goal of building an elite centre for military and law enforcement training. He recounts how the company shifted gears after 9/11, and honours American troops while challenging the Pentagon's top leadership. He also reveals why highly efficient private military contractors have been essential to running the armed forces, since long before Blackwater came along.

The Fighters

Navy SEAL Gil Shannon must seek the aid of an unlikely ally, a Russian special ops officer, in his quest to hunt down a Chechen terrorist. By the co-author of the best-selling American Sniper.

American Sniper

A second edition of this book is now available. In a compact but

comprehensive and clear narrative, this book explores the First World War from a genuinely global perspective. Putting a human face on the war, William Kelleher Storey brings to life individual decisions and experiences as well as environmental and technological factors such as food, geography, manpower, and weapons. Without neglecting traditional themes, the author's deft interweaving of the role of environment and technology enriches our understanding of the social, political, and military history of the war, not only in Europe, but throughout the world.

The Last Punisher

"A GROUNDBREAKING WORK," hails True West: The #1 New York Times bestselling coauthor of American Sniper brings the Pony Express to life in this rich and rollicking new history "One can hear horse hooves pounding across the prairie and sense the fear and courage and excitement." —Tom Clavin, author of Dodge City On the eve of the Civil War, three American businessmen launched an audacious plan to create a financial empire by transforming communications across the hostile territory between the nation's two coasts. In the process, they created one of the most enduring icons of the American West: the Pony Express. Daring young men with colorful names like "Bronco Charlie" and "Sawed-Off Jim" galloped at speed over a vast and unforgiving landscape, etching an irresistible tale that passed into myth almost instantly. Equally an improbable success and a business disaster, the Pony Express came and went in just eighteen months, but not before uniting and captivating a nation on the brink of being torn apart. Jim DeFelice's brilliantly entertaining West Like Lightning is the first major history of the Pony Express to put its birth, life, and legacy into the full context of the American story. The Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express Company—or "Pony Express," as it came to be known—was part of a plan by William Russell, Alexander Majors, and William Waddell to create the next American Express, a transportation and financial juggernaut that already dominated commerce back east. All that stood in their way were almost two thousand miles of uninhabited desert, ice-capped mountains, oceanic plains roamed by Indian tribes, whitewater-choked rivers, and harsh, unsettled wilderness. The Pony used a relay system of courageous horseback riders to ferry mail halfway across a continent in just ten days. The challenges the riders faced were enormous, yet the Pony Express succeeded, delivering thousands of letters at record speed. The service instantly became the most direct means of communication between the eastern United States and its far western territories, helping to firmly connect them to the Union. Populated with cast of characters including Abraham Lincoln (news of whose electoral victory the Express delivered to California), Wild Bill Hickock, Buffalo Bill Cody (who fed the legend of the Express in his Wild West Show), and Mark Twain (who celebrated the riders in Roughing It), West Like Lightning masterfully traces the development of the Pony Express and follows it from its start in St. Joseph, Missouri—the edge of the

civilized world—west to Sacramento, the capital of California, then booming from the gold rush. Jim DeFelice, who traveled the Pony's route in his research, plumbs the legends, myths, and surprising truth of the service, exploring its lasting relevance today as a symbol of American enterprise, audacity, and daring.

Jim Grant

There are plenty of books and movies about what different soldiers experienced in war - but few grind out the details of why they do it. Sons of the Flag brings together the veterans from each of the American wars from WWII to the present and the veteran firefighters of 9/11 who served during the greatest attack on American soil. Each contributor tells precisely why they do what they do - putting country and brotherhood before their own safety. Weaving their chapters together, author Ryan "Birdman" Parrott, an American veteran, shares the journey that led from being a self-described screw-up to becoming the visionary and leader of Sons of the Flag, an organization dedicated to burn survivors. The contributors associate key moments in their lives that impacted them forever in putting their brothers to the right and left before themselves. Parrott asks readers to imagine a country where all citizens were as dedicated as these men in serving their fellow Americans.

Professional Journal of the United States Army

A brutal warrior but a gentle father and husband, Chris Kyle led the life of an American hero. His renowned courage and skill in military service earned him two nicknames--The Devil among insurgents and The Legend among his Navy SEAL brethren--but his impact extended beyond that after he came home from combat and began working with fellow veterans. Journalist Michael J. Mooney reveals Kyle's life story, from his Texas childhood up through his death in February 2013. Mooney interviews those closest to the late SEAL and also sheds light on the life of the suffering veteran who killed Kyle. THE LIFE AND LEGEND OF CHRIS KYLE is a candid, essential portrait of a celebrated warrior--a man about whom a movie has only added to the legend.

Omar Bradley

Chris Kyle—fallen hero and #1 bestselling author of American Sniper—reveals how ten legendary guns forever changed U.S. history. At the time of his tragic death in February 2013, former Navy SEAL Chris Kyle, the top sniper in U.S. military history, was finishing one of the most exciting missions of his life: a remarkable book that retold American history through the lens of a hand-selected list of firearms. Kyle masterfully shows how guns have played a fascinating, indispensable, and often underappreciated role in our national story. "Perhaps more than any other nation in the world," Kyle writes, "the

history of the United States has been shaped by the gun. Firearms secured the first Europeans' hold on the continent, opened the frontier, helped win our independence, settled the West, kept law and order, and defeated tyranny across the world." Drawing on his unmatched firearms knowledge and combat experience, Kyle carefully chose ten guns to help tell his story: the American long rifle, Spencer repeater, Colt .45 revolver, Winchester rifle, Springfield 1903 rifle, Thompson sub-machine gun, 1911 pistol, M1 Garand, .38 Special police revolver, and the M-16 rifle platform Kyle himself used as a SEAL. Through them, he revisits thrilling turning points in American history, including the single sniper shot that turned the tide of the Revolutionary War, the firearms designs that proved decisive at Gettysburg, the "gun that won the West," and the weapons that gave U.S. soldiers an edge in the world wars and beyond. This is also the story of how firearms innovation, creativity, and industrial genius has constantly pushed American history—and power—forward. Filled with an unforgettable cast of characters, Chris Kyle's American Gun is a sweeping epic of bravery, adventure, invention, and sacrifice.

The Life and Legend of Chris Kyle

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