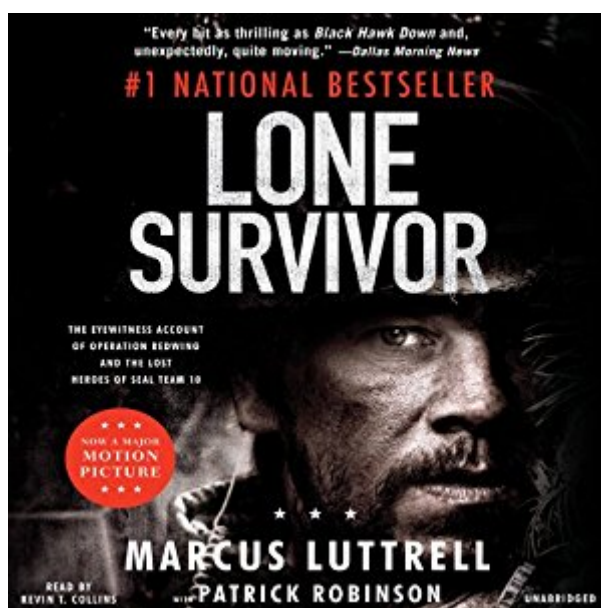


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Synopsis

Four US Navy SEALs departed one clear night in early July, 2005 for the mountainous Afghanistan-Pakistan border for a reconnaissance mission. Their task was to document the activity of an al Qaeda leader rumored to have a small army in a Taliban stronghold. Five days later, only one of those Navy SEALs made it out alive. This is the story of the only survivor of Operation Redwing, SEAL team leader Marcus Luttrell, and the extraordinary firefight that led to the largest loss of life in American Navy SEAL history. His squadmates fought valiantly beside him until he was the only one left alive, blasted by an RPG into a place where his pursuers could not find him. Over the next four days, terribly injured and presumed dead, Luttrell crawled for miles through the mountains and was taken in by sympathetic villagers who risked their lives to keep him safe from surrounding Taliban warriors. A born and raised Texan, Marcus Luttrell takes us from the rigors of SEAL training, where he and his fellow SEALs discovered what it took to join the most elite of the American special forces, to a fight in the desolate hills of Afghanistan for which they never could have been prepared. His account of his squadmates' heroism and mutual support renders an experience for which two of his squadmates were posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for combat heroism that is both heartrending and life-affirming. In this rich chronicle of courage and sacrifice, honor and patriotism, Marcus Luttrell delivers a powerful narrative of modern war.

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It starts with training and most of the "Can-Do" is mental. Coronado takes its toll, but

builds in a resilience that leaves no one behind and everyone covers the team. Against unimaginable odds, four SEALs find themselves in a firefight in the mountains near Pakistan where they are without air support and are heavily out-numbered and outgunned by a hate driven enemy. It happened because of the Rules of Engagement (ROE), which are designed by suits behind desks and more frequently than not, bring death and destruction on American men and women because the enemy knows what the ROE are also, and they use them to their own advantage. Non-stop action, incredible bravery in the face of certain death, and always dedication and duty, to the Team and the Nation, call the shots. These men are truly a gift to the United States, and we are most grateful for their service and dedication. An incredible accounting and well worth the time.

Fascinating book! Puts us into the minds of soldiers and the brotherhood they adhere to in order to survive and in a sense are addicted. The alpha males and their domain - and I am very grateful for them and their sacrifice. (Spoiler alert) Marcus blames the 'liberal' media for making them decide to let the goat herders go instead of killing them. Ultimately it was the goat herders' release that led the enemy to their doorstep. My problem with this whole 'idea' was why didn't they just gag them and leave them on the hill - and then get out? The mission had been compromised. Hence this is my problem with the guy's premise that it's somehow the liberal media's fault that his buddies got killed? Really? My one complaint is the bashing of 'lefties' 'liberals' and the 'media.' I get the resentment, but I don't get the continual need for his book to go after the 'left' They aren't the enemy - nor is the right. . We are Americans at heart, liberal or right or whatever. Our tenets of freedom of press means we all have the right to speak our mind and our America is everyone's America. This great nation is 'great' because we adhere to a moral ground on certain things and that's important and it's important for the press to look for the stories of the disadvantaged etc. and yes, maybe what they see as abusive power by the military and no we haven't put the Navy Seals into jail for killing Osama Bin Laden - (and yes we had a 'liberal' President in charge when it happened). The trained soldiers are trained to go into 'harm's' way - the press is not - but they are the eyes we need to see the truth. As a navy seal, I would expect you to voice an opinion which was more balanced. I am a patriot too, because I know what our Constitution says - once we sink to the enemies level of 'hatred' and disregard for life - we lose the moral battle. Again, absolutely no disrespect to our soldiers in uniform - I support them and will continue to give money to the veterans groups I support - but PLEASE stop the liberal bashing. In fact, we become our own worst enemies when we make our fellow American's our enemies. I'm so tired of it.

In today's slew of military novels, Lone Survivor stands out as one of those leading the charge. Set in both the high mountains of Afghanistan, and the sandy, cold beach of Coronado in BUD/s training, this novel shows the trials and tribulations of Navy Seal Marcus Luttrell, both as he watches his fellow sailors quit in training, and his brothers in arms die on the mountain. This gripping tale left me with a pride in the people defending our country, and respect for the training they receive. I found that the book was surprisingly well written, with a good use of vocabulary and conventions. The only complaint that I have involves the length of the book spent on training. A good third of the entire book was spent describing Luttrell's time at BUD/s (Seal Training), and I found that it got fairly repetitive during times. Although, his fast-paced, heart-pumping tone during his time on the mountain most certainly made up for it. Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and found it extremely hard to put down. The backstory, while slow at times, was interesting to hear about, and the tale of his time on the mountain itself was absolutely gripping. I would rate this book 9/10, although the scoring is out of 5, so I'll round up to 5/5. Please, do yourself a favor, and read this book!

One of the very best books I have read about the true life account of a Navy's Seal experience in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is heart-wrenching and superior in writing, providing the reader with an in-depth understanding of the SEALs intense training, their resolve and discipline in accomplishing missions, and sadly, his most painful experience in losing his brothers in arms. Being a Christian and a veteran myself, it touched home with me when Marcus recounted how many times God's presence and His grace was with him during all those unfathomable odds in those deadly mountains. How his faith held strong, even when he felt that there was little hope for survival or a rescue mission. There are many moments of tears, pain, joy and admiration throughout the read that one cannot help being fully immersed in his story and I found myself reading long into the night. Additionally, at the end of the book, the reader is provided with pictures and short summaries of his fallen comrades, who he loved unconditionally and is still haunted by their death. These men are real Heroes, and thanks to Marcus, he gave us the opportunity to know and love them more intimately. I am so grateful for all their service and so thankful Marcus shared this true story. What a beautiful way to remember his brothers, a legacy that will be honored by all who serve and I am looking forward to seeing the movie. One will not regret reading this awesome book!!

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