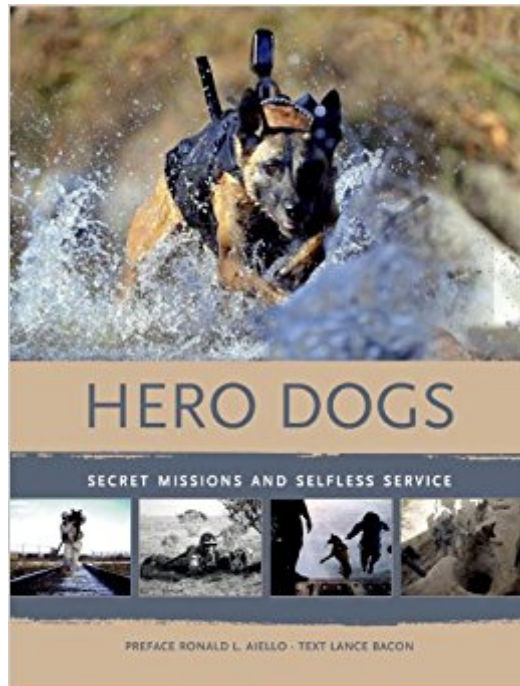




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Hero Dogs: Secret Missions And Selfless Service



Synopsis

Today's specially trained war dogs--like the anonymous canine hero that took part in the top-secret mission against Osama bin Laden--are a breed apart, assisting their human friends in locating improvised explosive devices, conducting clandestine missions, and more. Many have earned recognition for heroism. Others struggle with wounds and post-traumatic stress. Dozens died in the line of duty. Filled with hundreds of dramatic never-before-seen photos, this one-of-a-kind book features inspiring tales of selfless battlefield service related by the war dogs' handlers and fellow soldiers.

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Customer Reviews

Ronald L. Aiello served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1970. During this period Ron had the honor of serving with the First Marine Scout Dog Platoon. In the year 2000, Ron and four other Vietnam veteran dog handlers formed The United States War Dogs Association, Inc., which is a nonprofit organization of former and current US military dog handlers and supporting members. Lance M. Bacon is senior staff writer for Army Times, an independent weekly newspaper serving U.S. Army personnel and their families. He covers Army leadership, weaponry, training, and tactics. His combat coverage in Afghanistan includes an award-winning piece on the Battle of Roberts Ridge. Bacon has served as city/military editor of the Jacksonville (NC) Daily News and managing editor of the Kinston (NC) Free Press. During his tenure, the Kinston

newspaper was twice honored as the best in the state for its category. It also received the Associated Press' Openness in Government Award and the coveted Freedom of Excellence Award. Bacon is a Marine Corps veteran with eight honorable years of service (1989-1997). He spent two years aboard USS Independence (CV-62), two years as platoon sergeant with the 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in Camp Lejeune, NC, and four years in Public Affairs. There, he received dozens of journalism awards, including being twice recognized as the Marine Corps' journalist of the year, and runner-up a third year.

I could not wait to buy this book. The moment it arrived I sat down and started reading. I was incredibly let down at the lack of diversity of the Hero Dogs covered & the write ups describing each photo sounded like cut and paste jobs stolen from the internet. There was no rhyme or reason in their presentation or any flow. The writing style was different on each photo which leads me to believe the author did a quick google search for hero dogs, picked some of his favorite photos and stuck them together in a binder. It really chapped my backside that the book was printed in China. If you are writing about American Hero Dogs, the least you could do is find a publisher in the USA. The book got 2 stars rather than 1 solely due to the idea or concept that the book was written about and the photos selected were decent.

Mostly photos which is fine. I would have liked a little more information on training and how dogs are chosen for this type of work, aside from just being a Malinois or another typically useable breed. If you like working dogs and you like military/K-9 type dogs you are going to like this book. It is amazing what dogs are willing to do and how trainable they are..

In a day and age, when the word "hero" is often misused or misapplied, this book shows the bond between our four legged friends and their handlers. Because of the dogs abilities to do numerous jobs, they are a definite asset to not only our armed forces, but law enforcement, fire fighting and much more. Highly recommend this book for those who appreciate dogs for their utilitarian diversity.

I highly recommend this book whether you are a dog lover or not. The book thoroughly covers the sacrifice these wonderful warriors give to our country and the heroic men and women that work with them to keep us and our country safe. God bless every two and four legged creature that take place in these missions and serve in so many ways. They are all truly heroes!

It's a great book overall but I was a bit disappointed it did not include much on the training and selection of the dogs. It deserves a five star nevertheless for its' coverage and dedication for these 'unsung heroes'.

True heroes...I have had some wonderful Labs and Chessies...and they have all been very protective of me. They can read our body language and our minds! Wonderful book.

Exactly what I expected. I especially liked the stories/history that went along w/the photo's. I wasn't sure when I would receive it, stated Feb. delivery (must have been back ordered). So glad to come home from work in the middle of Jan. to find it on my door step. :)

Mr Bacon's articles in the Army times, ect are always good, and he seems to be on top of his research. This book was no disappointment. Pics were great.

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