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Desert Storm**



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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How Precious is Freedom to YOU?Von Mark GibsonI am compelled to write you tonight. I just finished a book that was a long time in the making, but one that clearly NEEDED to be written. It is the story of a couple of friends of mine -- real American heroes -- and I don't use that word lightly -- and how the strength of their love got them through some mighty tough times. Many of you are former or current military; several have served in Vietnam or Desert Storm, as I did. But I would hazard a guess that none of us has experienced what Cliff Acree has -- a man a deeply admire, respect, and hold dear. In the book "The Gulf Between Us: Love and Terror in Desert Storm," Cliff's wife, Cindy details a gut-wrenching diary of war, torture, incredible endurance and the inseparable bonds that love and Freedom carved into the very souls of Cliff and Cindy. For those of you who don't know what REALLY happened to the POWs in Baghdad, or what the wives of men at war REALLY have to put up with, or what being a hero REALLY means, I encourage you to get this book and read it. This book helped me bring closure to my unsettling experiences in this brief war. It has helped my wife just to talk to me about what it was like back home for her as a de facto CO's wife -- making numerous casualty calls to wives and girlfriends whose husbands had just died -- struggling with young enlisted wives who had sunk so low into depression that they attempted suicide, having infants thrust into her care by strangers who were admitted into the hospital and had nowhere else to turn.... Anyway, I am NOT "Mister Tact," so I can say this without fear of insulting any of you. You are making a terrible MISTAKE if you do not take the opportunity to read this labor of love, honor and courage. There are some things that just MUST be done. Every one of us takes Freedom and life in the United States for granted. You may not after you read this book. Many of you don't know Cliff and Cindy, but you will recognize his face from the CNN re-broadcast of Iraqi TV. You will remember the glare of his eyes, and learn why he couldn't hold his head up. You will see the war through Cindy's eyes, ride the same emotional roller coaster that they did, and if you are like me, you will shed some tears of pain, and some of joy. Buy it. Read it. Honor them both. You will not regret it.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Story For All Of Us -- For All TimeVon H.L.READ THIS BOOK! Cliff and Cindy's story is a gripping one; it is full of the events that can only be called "heroism under fire". Their situations could not have been seemingly more opposite, yet their approach was EXACTLY the same -- love and duty and honor in all things. It must have been hard to remember when was Cliff was being tortured that his main purpose was to survive and give no information. It must have been excruciating for Cindy, when the cameras and reporters were crawling over each other and her for a story, that her main purpose was to get her husband and the other POWs home. And how does one deal with the pressing worship of a grateful nation, hungry for heroes? The tales are told in riveting fashion, as the reader is pulled along through every detail of their stories, as if standing in the room as the events unfold. The descriptions are vivid and captivating. You won't be able to put this book down!Cliff and Cindy weathered "their dessert storm", and survived to tell their story because the seeds of their success were ALWAYS there! They BOTH knew that much might be expected of them; the DIFFERENCE is, they were WILLING -- not to be heroes (though heroes they TRULY are), but to do WHATEVER it took to accomplish the mission before them! Such a thing cannot just be "taught"... it must be LEARNED and LIVED!Cliff and Cindy ARE heroes, but this book is not JUST about Dessert Storm. It has taken its place alongside those biographies and stories of GREAT men and women that we MUST study if we will ever be ready and willing to take our place in the fight for something bigger than ourselves! If I were a high school or college teacher/professor, I would make this book MANDATORY reading, to show my students that there ARE still heroes, and they come in many forms -- usually when THEY least expect it...BZ, Cliff and Cindy! Semper Fidelis (the motto of the Marine Corps; it means "Always Faithful") -- for you were, and are true to that which has made the telling of your story possible!THANK YOU for sharing it with us!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Patriotism At Its BestVon Ein Kundelf you'd like an incredible, dose of patriotism, this is the book to read. Sometimes, we become so complacent about the freedoms we practice in our great country. This book puts everything we take for granted into perspective. Let me share a brief story with you that summarizes my feelings concerning "The Gulf Between Us". As a teacher of fifth graders, I was becoming increasingly aware of a decline in patriotism as we would say our daily Pledge of Allegiance, this year. Even though I would demand standing straight and tall, right hands over hearts, and eyes on the flag, about halfway through,a shuffling of feet,slouching,and some grinning at each other would begin. After many of my Pledge lectures, I decided to try something else. I sat down with my students and shared some of the ordeals Col.Cliff Acree endured as a POW. I shared how his strong patriotism,his strength of character, and his faith in God, carried him through inhumane experiences most of us will never be able to comprehend. I also shared how his wife and other family members and friends took action through their strong commitments of love, faith, and patriotism. I ended my lesson that day by challenging my students, each time they said the Pledge, to think of Cliff Acree and all others who have so courageously enabled us to enjoy our many freedoms. From then on, my students took the challenge. I did not have to correct them another time. Hopefully, they will carry this renewed sense of patriotism throughout their lives. I know I will. Thank you so very much, Cliff and Cindy.

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