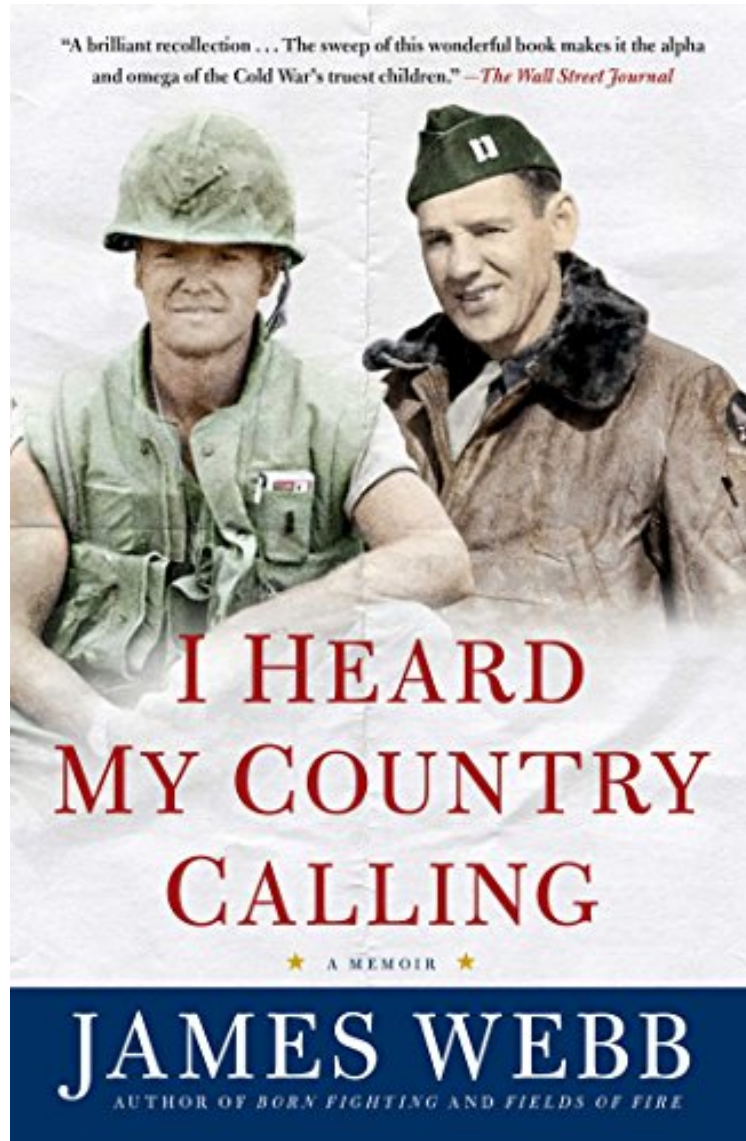


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**Von James Webb : I Heard My Country Calling: A Memoir (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Heard My Country Calling: A Memoir (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A man who on the first place always tried to help his countryVon Helpful AdviceI Heard My Country Calling written by James Webb are great memoir of a man who can say that he truly lived a rich life, but most of all that he was a true

American patriot who always above all put the interest of the community and the country where he was born. James Webb in his life went through many interesting, exciting and dangerous events as a Marine he received Navy Cross, Silver Star and Purple Heart, while in his political career he managed to become Secretary of the Navy and U.S. Senator. Born right after the WW II finished, in a family of former WW II airman it was not a wonder that James wanted to continue on the path that his father had outlined. Though describing events from his youth, for me the best part of book were actually the part that deals with war in Vietnam and the role he personally played in it. After being awarded medals for courage, Webb will return to US, graduate Law School and began to write. In everything he did James was successful and therefore it is not surprising that his novel *Fields of Fire* became one of the most important books about conflict in Vietnam. In the final part of the book he talks about his political career and his opposition to wars and US interventions, far to the east, while the book ends with Webbs well-earned retirement after a turbulent life. *I Heard My Country Calling* is a story in which there are no sentiment, instead reader will be introduced to a man who never complained about himself, a man who on the first place always tried to help his country. And therefore James Webbs autobiography full of interesting and patriotic stories is definitely worth a read.

**Kurzbeschreibung** In this brilliantly received memoir, former senator James Webb has outdone himself. It is rare in America that one individual is recognized for the highest levels of combat valor, as a respected member of the literary and journalistic world, and as a blunt-spoken leader in national politics. In this extraordinary memoir, Webb writes vividly about the early years that shaped such a remarkable personal journey. Webb's mother grew up in the poverty-stricken cotton fields of East Arkansas. His father and lifetime hero was the first in many generations of Webbs, whose roots are in Appalachia, to finish high school. He flew bombers in World War II and cargo planes in the Berlin Airlift, graduated from college in middle age, and became an expert in the nation's most advanced weaponry. Webb's account of his childhood is a tremendous American saga as the family endures the constant moves and challenges of the rarely examined post-World War II military, with a stern but emotionally invested father, a loving mother who had borne four children by the age of twenty-four, a granite-like grandmother who held the family together during his father's frequent deployments, and a rich assortment of aunts, siblings, and cousins. Webb tells of his four years at Annapolis in a voice that is painfully honest but in the end triumphant. His description of Vietnam's most brutal battlefields breaks new literary ground. One of the most highly decorated combat Marines of that war, he is a respected expert on the history and conduct of the war. Webb's novelist's eyes and ears invest this work with remarkable power, whether he is describing the resiliency that grew from constant relocations during his childhood, the longing for his absent father, his poignant good-bye to his parents as he leaves for Vietnam, his role as a twenty-three-year-old lieutenant through months of constant combat, or his election to the Senate, where he was a leader on national defense, foreign policy, and economic fairness. This is a life that could happen only in America. **Pressestimmen** The sweep of this wonderful book makes it the alpha and omega of the Cold War's truest children. It begins with pride and patriotism that comes from living with warrior fathers and ends with illusion dispelled by a bloody little war in Vietnam. It's a brilliant personal recollection that also brings alive a forgotten period of American history. (Wall Street Journal) Webb is a terrific writer, a great war novelist's compelling book. (TIME) An eloquent military memoir (Kirkus) Webb writes not only of his life but also, of course, the forces and people who shaped him. He describes his memoir as a love story: love of family, love of country, love of service and he supports those words with the candor and grace of this readable and revealing memoir. (Richmond Times-Dispatch) *I Heard My Country Calling* is emblematic of many other Americans' life stories, reflecting a sense of honor and patriotism that thankfully knows no generational bounds. (Pittsburgh Tribune-) *I Heard My Country Calling* rings with unvarnished dictums . . . Without flinching, he tells us of the grisliness and heroism he witnessed as a Marine in Vietnam. . . . his narrative offers an inside, no-punches-held look at the life of a man to whom independence was more important than money or power. . . . riveting. (Washington Independent of Books) Deeply moving . . . a delightful, mentally therapeutic, and engulfing book. (Military) A fascinating account of [Webb's] early life. . . . an intensely personal narrative that traces his development from sometime-student to Naval Academy Midshipman, Marine officer, novelist, and political figure. . . . Fellow military brats will take particular delight in his description of taking to the road with an impatient father and three siblings jammed into an automobile's back seat . . . Webb's wonderfully written book is more than a personal account; it is the story of a patriotic American who heard his country calling. (U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings Magazine)

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