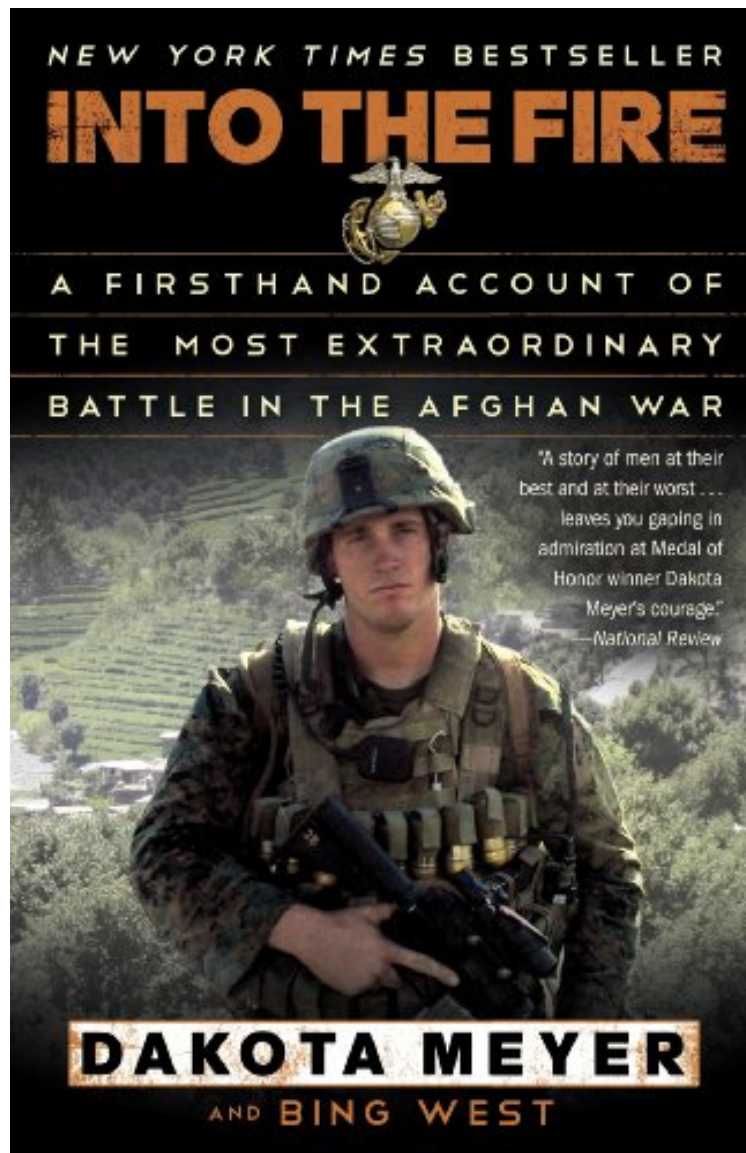


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Unglaublicher Mut vor dem Hintergrund eines militrischen Debakels Von Honeybal Lektor Dakota Meyer schildert in seinem Buch seine Rolle und seine Erlebnisse whrend der dramatisch verlaufenden Operation Dancing Goat II im Jahr 2009 im Ganjigal-Tal in der afghanischen Provinz Kunar, die beinahe in einem vlligen militrischen Fiasko geendet htte. Fr seinen Mut und seine Tapferkeit whrend dieser Kmpfe hat der Autor die Medal of Honor erhalten. Der Autor schildert zunchst kurz seine Kindheit und seine Jugend auf einer Farm in Kentucky, seine Ausbildung zum Infanteristen beim US Marine Corps und seine anschlieende Scharfschitzenausbildung beim Corp. Es folgt ein Einsatz im Irak, den er aber schon nach kurzer Zeit wegen einer Verletzung abbrechen muss. Im Sommer 2009 erfolgt die Verlegung nach Afghanistan um dort als Berater/Ausbilder fr eine Einheit der afghanischen Armee (ANA) Dienst zu tun. Vom Combat Outpost (COP) Monti aus nimmt Meyer an ersten Einstzen und Scharmtzeln teil und wiederholt wird der COP von Aufstndischen beschossen. Danach beginnt der Hauptteil des Buches mit der Operation im Ganjigal-Tal. Die Operation steht von Beginn an unter einem schlechten Stern, so dass die Einheiten schnell in einen gut geplanten Hinterhalt geraten, der zum dramatischen Kampf um Leben und Tod mit vielen Opfern wird. Hier bernimmt der junge Soldat Meyer eine unglaubliche Verantwortung und zeigt einen ebenso unglaublichen Mut, um seine vermissten Kameraden zu suchen und zu retten. Mehr mchte ich von der Handlung nicht mehr verraten, um niemanden die Spannung beim Lesen zu nehmen. Nach dem Einsatz und der Rckkehr in die USA hat der Autor mit einer posttraumatischen Belastungsstrung zu kmpfen, die ihn an den Rand des Zusammenbruchs bringt. Das Buch ist ein subjektiver und emotionaler persnlicher Bericht des Autors, wie er die gesamte Operation erlebt hat, was er dabei empfunden hat und auch eine schonungslose Kritik an Vorgesetzten, Strategie, Taktik und Rules of Engagement, die seiner Meinung nach dieses Debakel praktisch vorprogrammiert haben. In der Tat sind viele Entscheidungen nicht wirklich nachvollziehbar und der ganze Afghanistan-Einsatz an sich erscheint in einem uerst fragwrdischen Licht, was Vorgehen und anhaltende und nachweisbare Erfolge angeht. Auer vielen Opfern auf beiden Seiten wurde in den letzten 14 Jahren tatschlich wenig Zhlbares erreicht. In jedem Fall ist dieses Buch eine sehr dramatische Lektre und ein ehrlicher, subjektiver und authentischer Bericht eines jungen Soldaten, der fr seine Kameraden unglaublichen Mut bewiesen hat, der aber auch die ganze Misere des Afghanistan-Einsatzes an sich evident werden lsst. Von mir volle Leseempfehlung. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good book Von M. Thiessen This has all that a good book needs: short, intresting and a good reading. The author does no attemt to sound super clever and that works very well.

Kurzbeschreibung The story of what Dakota did . . . will be told for generations. President Barack Obama, from remarks given at Meyers Medal of Honor ceremony In the fall of 2009, Taliban insurgents ambushed a patrol of Afghan soldiers and Marine advisors in a mountain village called Ganjigal. Firing from entrenched positions, the enemy was positioned to wipe out one hundred men who were pinned down and were repeatedly refused artillery support. Ordered to remain behind with the vehicles, twenty-one year-old Marine corporal Dakota Meyer disobeyed orders and attacked to rescue his comrades. With a brave driver at the wheel, Meyer stood in the gun turret exposed to withering fire, rallying Afghan troops to follow. Over the course of the five hours, he charged into the valley time and again. Employing a variety of machine guns, rifles, grenade launchers, and even a rock, Meyer repeatedly repulsed enemy attackers, carried wounded Afghan soldiers to safety, and provided cover for dozens of others to escape supreme acts of valor and determination. In the end, Meyer and four stalwart comrades an Army captain, an Afghan sergeant major, and two Marines cleared the battlefield and came to grips with a tragedy they knew could have been avoided. For his actions on that day, Meyer became the first living Marine in three decades to be awarded the Medal of Honor. Into the Fire tells the full story of the chaotic battle of Ganjigal for the first time, in a compelling, human way that reveals it as a microcosm of our recent wars. Meyer takes us from his upbringing on a farm in Kentucky, through his Marine and sniper training, onto the battlefield, and into the vexed aftermath of his harrowing exploits in a battle that has become the stuff of legend. Investigations ensued, even as he was pitched back into battle alongside U.S. Army soldiers who embraced him as a fellow grunt. When it was over, he returned to the States to confront living with the loss of his closest friends. This is a tale of American values and upbringing, of stunning heroism, and of adjusting to loss and to civilian life. We see it all through Meyers eyes, bullet by bullet, with raw honesty in telling of both the errors that resulted in tragedy and the resolve of American soldiers, U.S. Marines, and Afghan soldiers whod been abandoned and faced certain death. Meticulously researched and thrillingly told, with nonstop pace and vivid detail, Into the Fire is the unvarnished story of a modern American hero. Praise for Into the Fire A story of men at their best and at their worst . . . leaves you gaping in admiration at Medal of Honor winner Dakota Meyers courage. National Meyers dazzling bravery wasnt momentary or impulsive but deliberate and sustained. The Wall Street Journal [A] cathartic, heartfelt account . . . Combat memoirs dont get any more personal. Kirkus s A great contribution to the discussion of an agonizingly complex subject. The Virginian-Pilot Black Hawk Down meets Lone Survivor. Library Journal Pressestimmen A story of men at their best and at their worst . . . leaves you gaping in admiration at Medal of Honor winner Dakota Meyers courage. National Meyers dazzling bravery wasnt momentary or

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