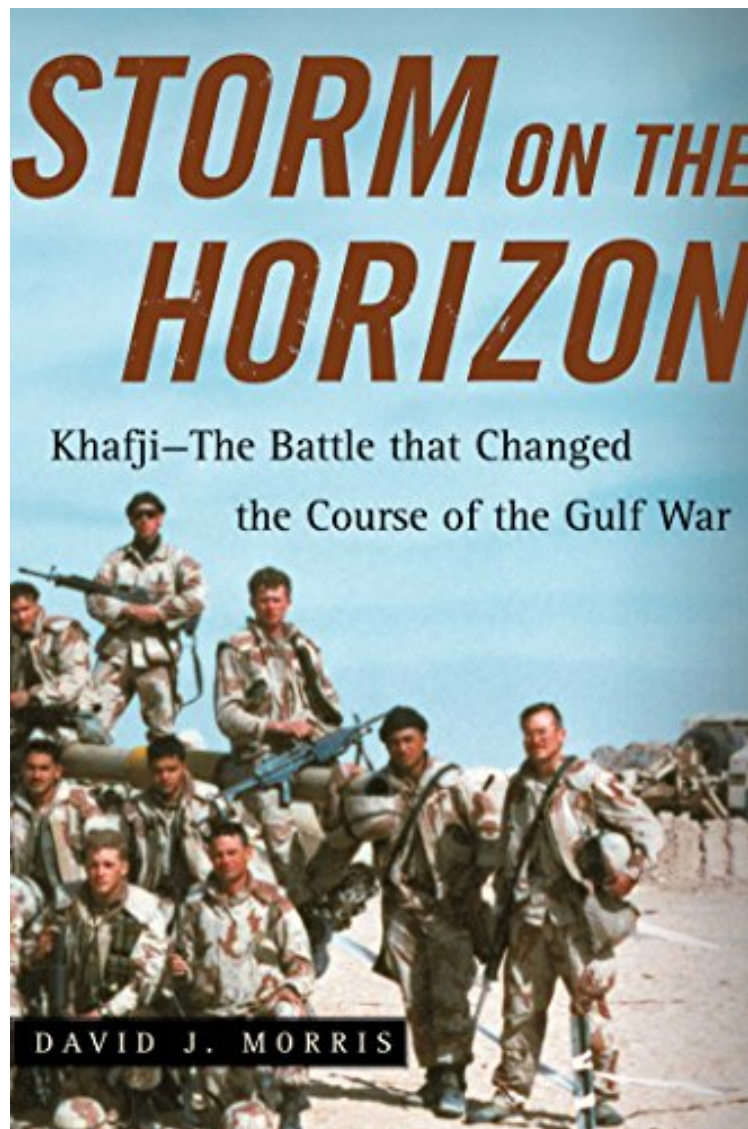


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Interesting description of historic event---Why never ever to join the Marines! Von Customer This is an interesting description of an historic event! The title is misleading; how could it change the course of the war, when its importance was not recognized until long afterwards? What makes me sick is the time and again appearing Marine's arrogance und hubris! First: Take away their technical goodies and the Marines are pretty helpless! As shown here. (This is an opinion, that is shared by most armies in the world) Second: If the Seals and the Green Berets haul ass, they probably know a little bit more and have a sound reason to do so! To stay further on is no bravery but utmost stupid! (Quote Navy Seals: "We do not make frontal assaults on machinegun-bunkers; that's what the Marines are for!") Yes they were mostly extreme brave, but certainly they were not that terribly efficient! A reasonably good book, but not one you could't live without! von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Exceptional History of the Battle of Khafji--January 1991 Von Donald Mitchell In the midst of our current efforts to establish a democracy in Iraq, many will have lost sight of the Gulf War led by the U.S. and its coalition partners against Saddam Hussein in 1991 to liberate Kuwait. In fact, if you are like me, your memory will be so dim that you will not remember that while the air campaign was going on in Operation Desert Storm the Iraqis invaded Saudi Arabia and threatened the oil fields their and the supplies being built up for the Marine invasion of Kuwait. That attack led to the Battle of Khafji, a small city on the Saudi Arabian coast that was recaptured by Arab forces in the coalition with a little support from the U.S. Although intelligence had reported that an attack was likely, no one paid too much attention. Fortunately, there were Marine reconnaissance patrols in place along with some tank-killing back-up. With brilliant improvisation, the Coalition troops managed to stop superior forces and armor by using their wits and air superiority. They also displayed uncommon valor. The accounts of the action come mostly from the Marines involved, so any Marine will want to read this book. It's an important chapter in the legend of the Marines. The story also illuminates how difficult modern war is, even with weapons and air superiority. You are at great risk of being killed by your own forces . . . as unfortunately was shown to be true in this battle. If you enjoy reading about Civil War battles, you will find this one someone reminiscent of those tales where soldier unexpectedly contact one another and a fight breaks out . . . leading to a more major engagement with strategic consequences. I particularly enjoyed learning about the background of the people before the battle and what happened to them after the war was over. We are indeed fortunate as Americans to have been served by such dedicated and talented people. As I finished the book, I realized how important it is to communicate directly with the person you want to influence. And to be sure the messages are understood. This book shows how easy it is for incomplete communications to lead to deadly errors.

Kurzbeschreibung Storm on the Horizon is the little-known story of the key land battle of Desert Storm: the Battle for Khafji -- and how that engagement has become part of military history. Combining some of the most powerful writing on war ever with a Marine's eyeview of combat, former Marine officer David J. Morris has brilliantly recreated this crucial battle that nearly changed the outcome of the Persian Gulf War. Storm on the Horizon is war writing at its finest. On January 29, 1991, Saddam Hussein launched his three best armored divisions across the Kuwaiti border and into the Islamic Holy Land of Saudi Arabia. Their mission: to disrupt the massive U.S.-led Coalition preparing to evict them from Kuwait, and to bloody the Americans on CNN. Caught without warning in the path of this juggernaut were scattered groups of lightly armed U.S. Marines and Special Forces soldiers. Storm on the Horizon is the gripping and compelling story of how these elite fighting men escaped the Iraqi onslaught and reversed the assault with an unprecedented combination of high-tech weaponry and American know-how. This is the story of the first battle of the smart-bomb age. Storm on the Horizon drops you in the middle of the most intense battle of the Persian Gulf War. The Marines are trapped and outnumbered, their weapons no match against the Iraqi tanks bearing down on them. Their only lifeline to the rear is a barely functioning radio. Drawing upon extensive veteran interviews and previously classified reports, David J. Morris's vivid minute-by-minute narrative takes you through the battle from its beginning as a scattered collection of skirmishes to its fiery final act in the streets of the abandoned Saudi Arabian town of Khafji. Morris captures this ordeal through the eyes of the men who were there, giving readers a rare front-row seat to an incredible sequence of events. Max Morton, the pilot of a Cobra attack helicopter is forced to make an emergency landing in the heart of Khafji as the Iraqis are attacking. He and his crew narrowly escape after locating a tank of mystery fuel at a local oil refinery. Medic Kevin Callahan, member of a team of Marines caught behind enemy lines, watches helplessly as a female U.S. Army soldier and her male comrade are captured by Iraqi soldiers and spirited to Baghdad. Ronald Tull, suffering untold wounds, wakes up next to his burning light-armored vehicle thinking that it has been struck by an enemy tank round. Only later does he learn the full horror of the events that led up to the death of his seven buddies who were on board. But Storm on the Horizon is far more than a battle saga. It is a thoughtful examination of a new generation of fighting men coming to terms with its own war, a journey into the minds of men under supreme stress, and a heartfelt account of the innocence lost in a heartbeat and mourned for a lifetime. At once an unflinching chronicle of men at war and an appalling tableau, Storm on the Horizon looks into the savage heart of modern combat and raises troubling questions about the era of conflict that lies ahead. From Publishers Weekly In late

January 1991, during the Gulf War, the Saudi Arabian coastal city of Khafji and several U.S. Marine outposts stretching inland were overrun by a three-division Iraqi ground attack. Confusion about the strength of the enemy attack led to Marines being trapped in the city itself; confusion in communications and about location led to several "friendly fire" fratricides. The U.S.-led coalition positions and Khafji itself were eventually retaken by U.S.-supported Saudi National Guard counterattacks that proved the Saudis had a good deal to learn. So did the Marines, Morris shows, particularly about air-ground cooperation, but they also learned the serious weaknesses of the vaunted Iraqi forces (which may have influenced coalition strategy later). The real strength of the book, however, is not in its strategic analyses but in the portraits of the men on the ground, few of them above the rank of captain, derived from exhaustive interviewing by the author, a former Marine officer. Morris conveys how the fog (and smoke, dust and sand) of war looks to the people in it, while clarifying the situations for the reader, not something that most military histories manage. Many of the men were almost as isolated as in pre-radio days, but Morris shows their training to have kicked in purposefully. Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

From Booklist Former marine officer Morris offers a detailed account of a crucial but little-known battle of the first Gulf War. Amid the general uncertainty of Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein made an attempt to capture the city of Khafji, and thereby undercut American resolve. Morris covers every aspect, from the initial deaths by friendly fire to the recapture of the town by Arab forces and their marine advisors. His narrative style is excellent, making one feel as if one were there. He also covers the inter- and intra-unit squabbles among the fighters and shows the effects they had on the battle's outcome. Finally, he emphasizes that the latest generation of American weapons did, in fact, work extremely well but did not eliminate the need for good training of personnel or the problems of target identification. Consider this one of the better books on small-unit action in the first Gulf War. Frieda Murray Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved