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A young soldier accompanies his great grandfather, Doug Mackinack, on an Honor Flight—a sponsored trip to the World War II Memorial in Washington D.C. The old man shares stories from his platoon's tour in Europe, many ending in dramatic (or occasionally, humorous) twists.

The increasingly moving stories document Buzz Company's journey through a broad range of humanity: Fear. Courage. Compassion. Anger. Love. Death. Eccentricity. Loyalty. Mercy. Retribution.

The company started as a hodgepodge of naive kids, left over from other companies. But they had a certain swagger, thanks to the personalities in Mackinack's Ninth Platoon. As they traveled through France, Belgium, and Germany in the course of one year, they became battle-hardened veterans. In a defining moment near the end of his tour, Mackinack was forced to decide his path in a split second. Would he return to the man he was before the war, or would he become the killer the war had created?

When Mackinack and his great grandson reach the monument, there is one final surprise tied to events sixty six years earlier.

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Gordon Paisley says

The premise of the book was interesting--a young man on his way to war gets a chance to travel with his great-grandfather to the World War 2 memorial in Washington, DC on an Honor Flight. On the way, he hears the stories of his great-grandfather's experiences in the war.

The 'wrapper' part of the story was rather under-played--providing just a very brief introduction and then setting up a scene at the memorial at the end.

The various vignettes shared in the series of stories were interesting, although they were lacking or wrong in some of the details. Being a veteran myself and appreciating basic detail, I was disappointed to read about a company comprised of nine platoons and a captain as the commander of a platoon and no squad leaders. In fact, the author seems to go out of his way to use "group" to describe various units rather than the correct military term.

Most of the personalities were interesting and colorful, although still somewhat generic.

I appreciate that the book did show a sense of respect for the soldiers of The Greatest Generation and doesn't undermine their contributions in a cynical retrospective way.

All in all, not bad for a debut story, but certainly has room for improvement.

Cheryl Crowe says

Brave men

This story makes me proud to be an American. These brave men fought a war of what must have felt like hell to them. To all the people who risk their lives to keep me safe, my family safe, may God watch over each and every one. To those who have lost their lives may they rest in peacefully in God's loving arms. For those deployed now and in the future, thank you. You are all heroes.

Amber says

I couldn't put this book down. I found it very captivating and enjoyed the entire thing.

Hal says

One of the better WW II memoirs I've read. But many of the incidents and situations were too much of a flight of fancy for me to swallow, even in a novel. But it was well-written and a good reading experience.

Marlene says

Dan goes with his great-grandfather on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. On the way, he tells Dan, who is about to deploy to Afganistan, all about his experience as part of Buzz Company, Ninth Platoon. I laughed, I cried, I found a new respect for that great generation who fought for freedom for the world. Wonderful Book!

Annette says

A REMARKABLE BOOK

I do not like “War Stories”. I do not like books which have specific violence. I loved this very well written book.

A young man is going on an Honor Flight with his great-grandfather. The young man is on his way to serve in Afghanistan. During the flight the two men get to know one another and Mack begins to tell his great-grandson about his war. During World War II, Mack was in a very special unit. And it was made up of very special men.

We get to hear about the Twins, Big Swede, TinPan, Petey, Jackson, Donovan and Cap and many more. Most of all we get to hear about human beings who were asked to do terrible things and risk their lives while doing those things.

This is not just any war story. Yes, the background is a huge war, but this is a story of young men. They are funny and brave and strong and weak but most of all they are very human. Even though I knew it would not be possible, I wanted every one of them to live happily ever after. That did not happen.

I have read enough history to know that what happens in this book is very likely the kind of thing which happened in World War II.

Dan McCurrigan is a new to me author. When he writes another book, I want to read it.

I am normally extra gentle if I review a new author. I want to encourage new talent. This new author does not need anything from me. He is a very good writer.

If you want a remarkable book which makes you laugh out loud and cry a few pages later, this is the book for you.

PAUL says

Great book

I enjoyed this novel quite a lot. Dan made you feel that you were there during the trying times of ww2. Would recommend this book to anyone. Thank you Dan

Samantha Zee says

Very simply written, but still well done. The chapters are just a series of stories of McCurrigan's grandpa's experiences in WWII but they are told from the Buzz Company's perspective.

I flew through this book, but still bonded with all the characters, crying at one point (in a public place) from the stories.

If you aren't sure if you'd like war books, this one is a good starter one.

Tony Parsons says

Doug Mackinack (retired great-grandfather, WWII vet, Buzz Co., 9th. Platoon, MI.) was going on an Honor Flight a sponsored trip to the WWII Memorial in Washington D.C. 10/1944, Relive his memoir of his days fighting a war with his fellow soldiers. I'm retired US Army Vietnam vet. This brought back a lot of memories, just a different time/era. We called each other names & racial slurs. & all of us had nicknames. The good thing was nobody cried about it like they do nowadays. I have several friends that are signed up for the next honor flight in 3/2018.

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A very awesome book cover, great font & writing style. A very well written historical fiction book. It was very easy for me to read/follow from start/finish & never a dull moment. There were no grammar/typo errors, nor any repetitive or out of line sequence sentences. Lots of exciting scenarios, with several twists/turns & a great set of unique characters to keep track of. This could also make another great historical fiction movie, or better yet a mini TV series. There is no doubt in my mind this is a very easy rating of 5 stars.

Thank you for the free author; EBookDaily; Amazon Digital Services LLC.; book
Tony Parsons MSW (Washburn)

Jeni Wilson says

I knew there would be tears when I read this book and I wasn't disappointed. As I was reading I could see a movie of this played out and it made it so much more real to me. This book didn't have a lot of background on any one character but had enough to keep you hoping that each one came away unscathed. Very touching and a quick read.

Kelly Pugh says

Touching

A well written engaging book, which gives you an insight to the touching stories back in the war. I particularly enjoyed the 'off the battle field' tales which put everything into perspective, allowing you to get to know the true characters and emotions felt throughout their journey during the challenges they faced. An outstanding conclusion which summed it up beautifully. Would definitely recommend.

Hugh Plylar says

Heart warming

One of the most heart warming story, but sad also to think of all those who gave their lives for our freedom. These men are heroes.

Melissa Orrell says

A Debut of Laughter and Tears

As an amateur scholar of WWII literature this simple and straight forward account of the fears and tragedies, comedies and romance, struggle and triumph of Buzz Company is phenomenal. There is an honesty in the story telling that truly brings honor to its author.

Thank you to your great grandfather for his service and sacrifice. Dan, thank you for taking up the torch and fulfilling a call to honor those that came before us. To those that provided much of the world with the opportunity to live free of tyranny.

Brian S. Shipe says

Wonderful, fulfilling

I have read many a books on ww2, but I must say this one really got me feeling proud and sad. I have had the opportunity to talk with some of those men from the great war, and I feel so small sitting next to those heroes. This group of men did the unthinkable, but WON... Every war or skirmish we have partaken in, has never become a win, due to sickening politics. If our brothers and sisters are going into battle, at least let them win... GOD bless the past, present and future of all those who rise up to protect our great nation. GOD bless the USA....

Jimmy says

My Honor Flight, the remarkable stories of Buzz Company by Dan McCurrigan is a novel I believe everyone should read, the stories of Buzz Company as told by the author's great grandfather and written word for word by Mr. McCurrigan tell the actual events of WWII as lived by him.

A very well written novel that I am proud to add as one of my favorites, if you have any interest in WWII and the way combat changed the young men involved, sometimes for the good or bad, this novel does not sugarcoat nor dramatize the events but tells the truth of things that actually happened to Buzz Company.

I look forward to more from this author, if My Honor Flight is any indication of books Dan McCurrigan has in store for us in the future then I predict a great future for him. Well done Mr. McCurrigan.
