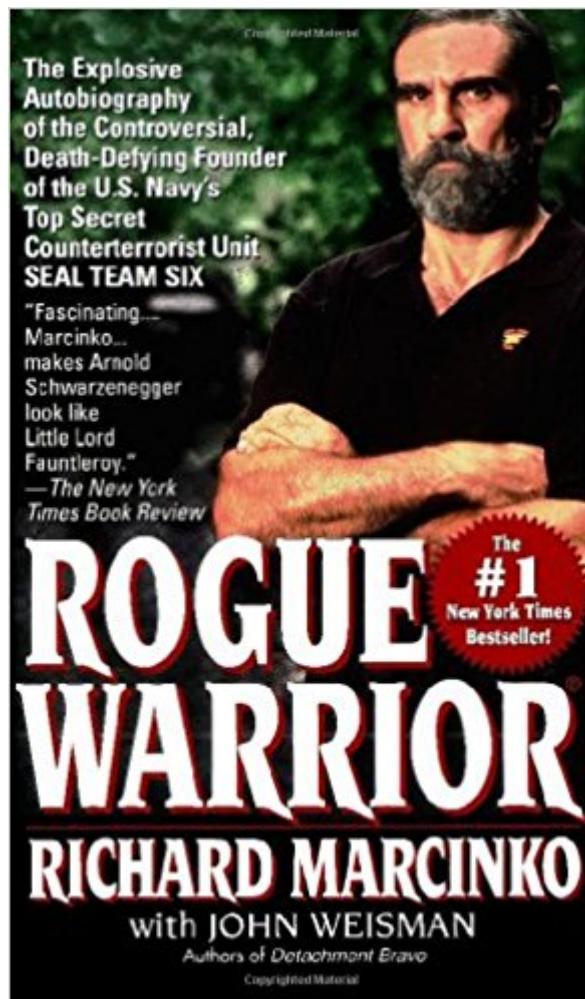


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Rogue Warrior



Synopsis

A brilliant virtuoso of violence, Richard Marcinko rose through Navy ranks to create and command one of this country's most elite and classified counterterrorist units, SEAL TEAM SIX. Now this thirty-year veteran recounts the secret missions and Special Warfare madness of his worldwide military career -- and the riveting truth about the top-secret Navy SEALs. Marcinko was almost inhumanly tough, and proved it on hair-raising missions across Vietnam and a war-torn world: blowing up supply junks, charging through minefields, jumping at 19,000 feet with a chute that wouldn't open, fighting hand-to-hand in a hellhole jungle. For the Pentagon, he organized the Navy's first counterterrorist unit: the legendary SEAL TEAM SIX, which went on classified missions from Central America to the Middle East, the North Sea, Africa and beyond. Then Marcinko was tapped to create Red Cell, a dirty-dozen team of the military's most accomplished and decorated counterterrorists. Their unbelievable job was to test the defenses of the Navy's most secure facilities and installations. The result was predictable: all hell broke loose. Here is the hero who saw beyond the blood to ultimate justice -- and the decorated warrior who became such a maverick that the Navy brass wanted his head on a pole, and for a time, got it. Richard Marcinko -- ROGUE WARRIOR.

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One of the most controversial veterans of the U.S. Navy's amphibious commando unit, whose

troops are known as SEALs, Marcinko describes his combat adventures in Southeast Asia and his counterterrorist activities. A 10-week PW bestseller in cloth. Photos. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

An autobiography of a career naval officer who dropped out of high school, enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and spent his career struggling to win acceptance for special warfare SEAL (sea-air-land) units within the Navy establishment from the late 1950s to the present. Marcinko provides detailed descriptions of the early transformation of underwater demolition teams (UDT) into SEAL units. With interesting vignettes about training and actual missions during the Vietnam War, he gives a close-up view of this specialized and little-known brand of warfare. Marcinko's participation in the Iran hostage rescue attempt in 1980 and the U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983 provide a perspective vastly different from the accepted versions of these events. However, the overuse of salty language throughout the book that lends new meaning to the phrase "curse like a sailor" and Marcinko's polemical accounts of his struggles to win acceptance for specialized warfare within the Navy are unfortunate. Not a necessary purchase. Military Book Club main selection.- Harold N. Boyer, Marple P.L., Broomall, Pa. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Very interesting story of the struggles of one very determined warrior. He had to fight the establishment most of his life and after creating Seal Team Six, he had no opportunity to lead them into actual battle. Seal Team Six is what it is today, however, not as good as it was when conceived, but still the most effective special ops unit in the world. On several occasions he was asked to test the security of different military bases and after demonstrating that the bases had little if any security, he was severely criticized for doing such a good job. The base commanders and the admirals in charge were very embarrassed by him demonstrating how bad the situation was. He even went aboard a couple nuclear submarines and set dummy bombs on the reactors. He and his men were able to go about anywhere they wanted to go on the bases without causing much concern. In one of his escapades in (Red Cell) he actually went into the office of the CNO and went through his files . He and his Seals were really sneaky. Great reading.

I am sure the author deserves all the accolades, and has earned all the medals of a distinguished career. This guy is John Wayne multiplied by 10, very full of himself, as he describes how he challenged one and all, that did not meet his high standard of training and demeanor. I found it

interesting enough, but because of the nature of the way in which he talks about his life, and how he put in their place even Green Berets, as if compared to his outfit, there were of lesser impact, I grew a little skeptical as I read along. That he is tough there is no doubt, that he is larger than life, either. *Rogue Warrior* by Richard Marcinko is a wild ride, from a highly decorated and respected american warrior. To that extent this seal conveys the certainty that he would be the right fighter to have around in a serious fight. 3.5 Stars.

I knew a few people in the business, but none compare to Cdr. Richard Marcinko. His story depicts the kind of man our country needs, but he is hated by the "bureaucratic" members of the Military because he is what they should but can never be, a Warrior. You will read this book in less than a week because it is riveting, and you may find yourself up late at night reading about his plans, his adventures and his true to life training of his men. You will never accuse him of "leading from behind" because he never does.

I don't know how much of this is actually fact or fiction (as some people allege), but it is at the very least entertaining. The pace of the writing is good, and the descriptions Marcinko gives of his experiences can make you feel like you are actually there. He is able to explain some of the more technical concepts (military jargon, weapons, etc) in a way that is accessible to those who are less knowledgeable without coming across as condescending, nor does he over explain to the point of boring those who are already familiar with what he's talking about. I felt like the last few chapters were a little more rushed and lacked the care of the majority of the book, but not in a way to detract from the rest of the "action". Recommended if you're interested in the interplay of politics and military, the history of the Navy SEALs, or just an exciting recount of some incredible action.

I've read a lot of books out the SEAL/UDT community and this one is one of the older ones. It's a good read but take it in with a "grain of salt" as they say...it's a bit of a stretch of the imagination at times. There are multiple sides to every interaction, then there is the truth. I'm fairly confident that Marcinko believes his account to be accurate. Either way, this book is entertaining.

Better than expected. Having read all of the Seal H Jay Riker series novels, this was interesting, since it is an autobiography of the real deal. Maybe because of the co-author?? Don't know as unfamiliar with the other books of both authors, but will certainly try Marchinko's novels, and the co-author's novel as well.

Toady, too many books are written by dreamers and "wanna-be's" where the closest combat action they experienced was as a child on their bedroom floor playing with Star Wars figures. Demo Dick is the real thing. A true pioneer in clandestine operations conducted all over the world. You get to see inside the head of the man responsible for creating ST6. The language is not for the faint of heart; but then again, he is a salty sailor/operator. The book is well written and full of mayhem and humor. I just want this to be made into a movie - Dick Marcinko's real life experiences makes Rambo look like a 5 year old playing at Chucky Cheese! In my opinion you owe yourself and the man who created the team that took out Bin Laden to buy the book, read it, pass on the stories and take from it what you can whether it is the humor, the nicknames, the intense personality or the attitude of making the best with what you have or have not been given.

I love this book. Yes, he's arrogant at times. Yes, he's crass. Yes, he gets trashed by other special ops guys. But his writing is different than any other special ops author - and I've read quite a few. He lets the personality come out, which is refreshing. You get the feeling that he's not holding anything back.

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