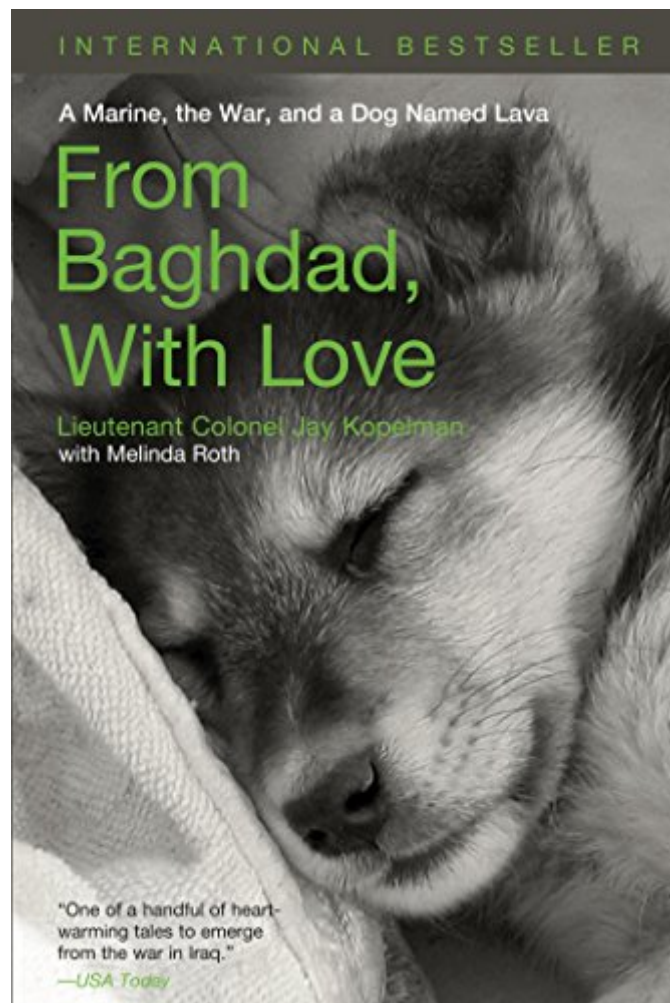




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# From Baghdad With Love: A Marine, The War, And A Dog Named Lava



## Synopsis

When Marines enter an abandoned house in Fallujah, Iraq, and hear a suspicious noise, they clench their weapons, edge around the corner, and prepare to open fire. What they find during the U.S.'s so-called attack on the "most dangerous city on Earth" in late 2004, however, is not an insurgent but a puppy left behind when most of the city's residents fled. Despite military law forbidding pets, the Marines de-flea the pup with kerosene, de-worm him with chewing tobacco, and fill him up on Meals Ready to Eat. Thus begins the dramatic rescue of a dog named Lava and Lava's rescue of at least one Marine, Lieutenant Colonel Jay Kopelman, from the emotional ravages of war. From hardened soldiers to wartime journalists to endangered Iraqi citizens, *From Baghdad, With Love* tells the unforgettable true story of an unlikely band of heroes who learn unexpected lessons about life, death, and war from a mangy little flea-ridden refugee.

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This book shows a true picture of the US soldier and the war in Iraq. The gut wrenching horrors of

the terrorist oppression of the Iraqi citizens and the noble fight to prevent them from killing thousands of innocent people. The struggles the US soldiers have staying alive and the warm heart of our soldiers and their need for love in the midst of a bloody jihad. Lava fulfills their need to give love during this horrible time. One soldier takes a stand to defend the life of a dog that helped his squad wind down from the horrors of the day. In the end, upon the soldiers return home, he is confronted with the ignorance of the US media and their inability to understand the importance of not only Lava's life, but the protection of the innocent Iraqi's that are being murdered by the jihadist terrorist. My son, a US soldier, recommended this book to me. I loved it. I have recommended it to others. It will make you laugh, cry, shudder and think. Amazing work by a US soldier and a 191 page book.

Heart warming with a happy ending

This book is a quick read with journal like entries as chapters. The story line is compelling in the starked contrasts between the reality and terror of the war in Iraq and the power and innocence of canine affection. Anyone who has a dog can totally relate to the author's imperative to rescue one particular dog among many other dogs living short and dangerous lives in the middle of IEDs, RPGs, and other lethal weapons. The author emotionally reveals the cracks in the Marine's tough hide as he and his comrades seek to rescue a very cute puppy. Of course by the time the rescue is complete the puppy has almost fully grown. The book also shows the power of communication technology via internet and emails to a variety of individuals and organizations involved in the rescue. I found the book very moving inspite of the tragedy of the Iraq War.

This was the first book I read covering military men over in Iraq and how puppies wormtheir way into their hearts unknowingly. Pets are not allowed by the military and theIraq's do not like dogs so this man had a lot of thinking to do so the dog would notbe harmed. It was great reading, I learned a lot about the way of life for a militaryman in the midst of war, in the heat, and no one close to him. Many tears were shedduring the read but it was all worth it. I now have somewhat of a feeling of what thesepeople go through over there and how "man's best friend" comes through for them. It wasa great book. This book was purchased from .

This is a wonderful biography of a solder who find a little puppy in Afghanistan and takes care of him. This is not allowed in the military and the animals are shot. The puppy was hid and it takes a lot

of people to help take care of this puppy and get him home with his soldier back to the USA. It is a wonderful story of life, death, and keeps you on the edge and you are involved in a real life drama. this is the first book in a two book series.

This is a story about a Marine rescuing a dog in Iraq, but it is also the story of a dog rescuing the Marine's capacity to care, to love, and to reach out to a world of people willing to help him bring his dog home. The dirt and gore of war, the corruption and wasteful spending, the anxiety and frustration with red tape and long lines are accurately recounted but underneath that story is the deeply personal story of a man coming to terms with loving another living creature and how it shifts his sense of purpose.

I recommend this book to all who love a happy ending. This book was well written. It tells about how some of our brave men and women cope with war time and how they work together to complete a mission. This mission was not your normal one but it was a mission of compassion. I want to thank this Marine and all the men and women in our great military for the service. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

Very well written, smooth reading, a really touching story. It's amazing reading of the love and affection that went on between this soldier, and his company, and the abandoned dog, in the middle of so bloody and deadly events, and how this guy, and his friends, persisted in their action against the difficulties, bureaucracy and military rules to get safely the dog out of that hell. And, of course, was so appreciated the happy ending, at least for the soldier and the dog.

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