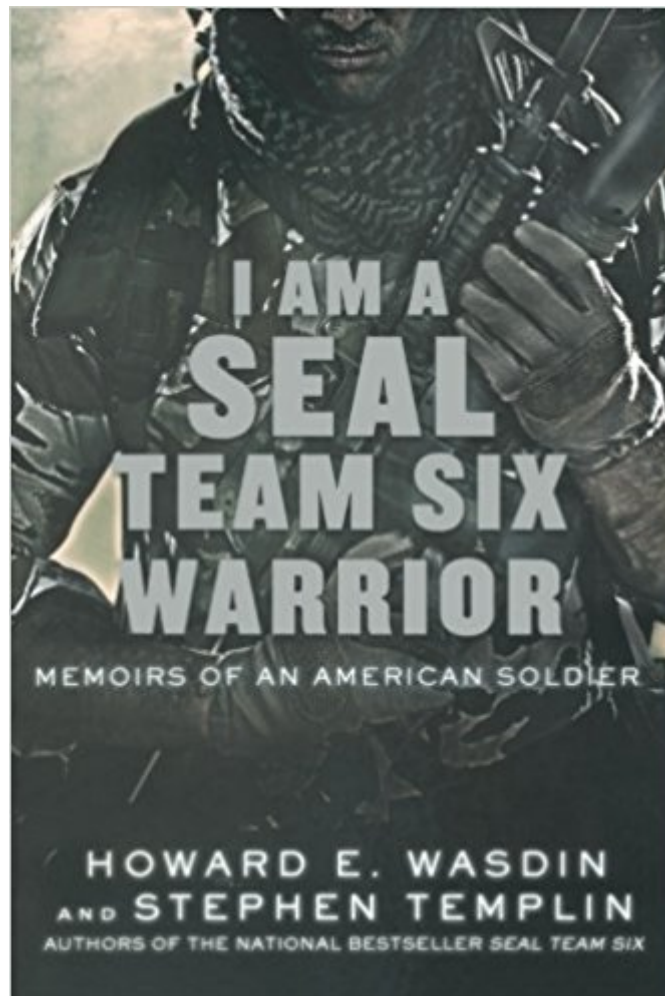




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I Am A SEAL Team Six Warrior: Memoirs Of An American Soldier



Synopsis

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When the Navy sends their elite, they send the SEALs. When the SEALs send their elite, they send SEAL Team Six—a secret unit made up of the finest soldiers in the country, if not the world. *I Am a SEAL Team Six Warrior* is the dramatic tale of how Howard Wasdin overcame a tough childhood to live his dream and enter the exciting and dangerous world of U.S. Navy SEALs and Special Forces snipers. His training began with his selection for Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S)—the toughest and longest military training in the world. After graduating, Wasdin saw combat in Operation Desert Storm as a member of SEAL Team Two. But he was driven to be the best of the best—he wanted to join the legendary SEAL Team Six, and at long last he reached his goal and became one of the best snipers on the planet. Soon he was fighting for his life in The Battle of Mogadishu. This is Howard Wasdin's story of overcoming abuse and beating the odds to become an elite American warrior.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up-This is an adaptation of the author's adult memoir of his time as a U. S. Navy SEAL Team Six sniper, simplified for teen audiences. Wasdin describes in detail his grueling training. As he says, "If I'm able to talk someone out of [becoming a SEAL], I'm just saving them time, because they

really don't want it anyway." He also talks about his missions during Desert Storm and Mogadishu, Somalia, where SEALs, Delta Force, and Airforce Rangers were sent to capture the Warlord Aidid. Wasdin was shot three times during this mission and nearly lost his leg. He saw some men die in Somalia and would later fall into a depression that took years to overcome. This is a great book for teens interested in joining the military, adventure fans looking for something meatier, and guys in general. The action will keep all readers turning the pages wanting to see how the missions and training turned out. Wasdin also tells the story from the other side of the press, giving insight into military actions that are often criticized by the media and politicians. The author actually credits the physical abuse he sustained from his stepfather as preparation for his arduous training to become a Navy SEAL.-Erik Carlson, White Plains Public Library, NY
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"This young-readers version of an ex-SEAL sniper's account (SEAL Team Six, 2011) of his training and combat experiences in Operation Desert Storm and the first Battle of Mogadishu makes colorful, often compelling reading."
-Kirkus Reviews

Our 11 year old son needed to read a biography for an American historical figure for a book report. He wanted to read Chris Kyle. Michael Murphy, or someone of that nature. He loved the book and wrote an essay on Howard Wasdin for his school district's essay contest. He took 2nd out of the entire district. We (my wife and I) were very proud to see him take an interest in a true hero and honor him through his essay.

I found this autobiography very interesting and informative. The determination of Wasdin to become a seal is determination I wish all Americans had in each of their endeavors. Becoming a SEAL is EXTREMELY difficult and this young man was one of the few who made it. After I read this book I decided that it should be in the libraries of both junior and senior high schools as there are many young men who look at professional sports or the Olympics as a way to their athleticism goals.. However, when young men strive to become SEALS and reach their goals, they are the real "supermen" of our times; athleticism and endurance beyond the normal imagination. Unlike professional athletes and Olympians, the SEALS never ask for public recognition. They do their job for the love of nation and for the dedication to democracy----putting their lives at risk with each mission. I really appreciated this story and the young man about whom it is written. God bless the SEALS!!

I have been fortunate to have read a reviewed numerous books about SEAL Training, as well as some fantastic memoirs of SEAL warriors who related their incredible experiences so that we may all learn some valuable life lessons from them. I was in the U.S. Navy (1959-1963) but did not have an opportunity to attend BUD/S because of my medical problems at that time. However, I have always had enormous respect and admiration for the UDT/SEALS and other Special Ops units in the Navy, Army, Marines and Air force. This excellent book relates the experiences of Howard E. Wasdin, a former U.S. Navy SEAL Sniper. The text is organized into two parts. Part one he relates his sad home and family challenges, but the interesting part is that he puts a positive spin on his bad home life. He was able to endure the hard and brutal SEAL training because of his tragic home life at the time. He is not bitter but actually shows enormous humanity in his story. The first part also covers his joining the Navy and of course, the difficult SEAL training program, as well as his entry into SEAL Team Two, where he served in Desert Storm. The second part explains his selection into the legendary SEAL Team Six and his Sniper school training. This section also has the most tense and exciting story of the Battle of Mogadishu. If you saw the movie Black Hawk Down, the author was there when the fighting was most intense. He was wounded seriously in the leg in that battle. He has some harsh, but true criticism for the political decisions made which he blames for so many Americans who died during that engagement. He does not hold anything back in his evaluation of the Mogadishu battle and the mistakes that were made at that time. In conclusion, this is a book that should be read by all Americans in order to understand what these American heroes endured fighting for this country. There are also many photographs in the middle of the book showing SEAL training exercises as well as photos of the author. A must read book. Rating: 5 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Predator Hunter: A warrior's memoir)

This was a really good book and Howard is a hero in my eyes. Thanks for sharing your true story with me and all of your readers. I honestly do not know how you were able to withstand your step Dad beating you without you killing him. He made you as tough as you are and definitely made you qualified to endure all of your training to become a Navy Seal and then on to Seal Team Six. What an unbelievable accomplishment. Glad to see you are happy with your new career as a Chiropractor. Good luck.

As an "old salt," I've never read a book about the SEALS I didn't like ... and I've read a few! Wasdin's struggles before and after earning his Trident are as real as it gets in a book. You'll

wonder how men get through the school whose motto is "The only easy day was yesterday," Hell Week, and other ways the Navy prepares its special ops crews for some of the most dangerous and complex missions afield today. The multiple types of training a prospective and graduate SEAL receives is necessarily complex because of the multiple environments and delivery/extraction systems which may be required just to get into and out of the job at hand. Wasdin is candid in his appraisal of his life as an active SEAL and the transition back into civilian life. It is well-written and offers insights you may not have considered about the world class warrior the Navy boasts.

Fast shipping. Not as good as I thought it would be. Felt like the Seal was bragging, which he, of course, is entitled to. However good reading.

Chock full of reports that make one feel they are going through the experiences. Written in a calm style that nevertheless makes the reader feel the enormous effort required for the training and the horrors of the battle experiences. It was astonishing to realize that despite amazing technologies available now a rescue vehicle can make a wrong turn or get lost on the way. / I loved this book. Thanks so much to Howard for his service, and for sharing these stories.

Amazing book; kept my attention. I read it in two days. He swore so much it got annoying after a while. He was a very brave guy!

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