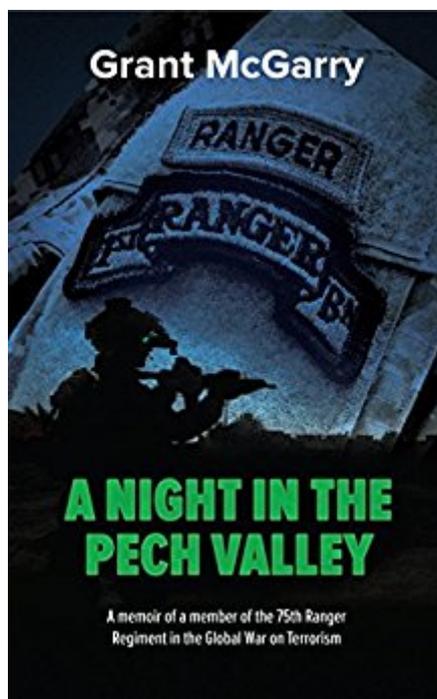


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Synopsis

A Night in the Pech Valley is Grant McGarry's account of an operation in the most dangerous terrain for U.S. forces anywhere in the world. The Pech Valley is surrounded by Taliban-filled mountains on the Pakistan border in the Kunar Province, where the mountain peaks push ten thousand feet. On the night of August 18, 2010 a platoon of Army Rangers were on a direct action raid to capture or kill a high value target in the Pech Valley. More than anything, this is the story of the Rangers who ferociously fought through the night and into the next morning. The intent of this book is to tell our story and the story of Army Ranger Christopher Shane Wright, who made the ultimate sacrifice on the morning of August 19, 2010. Despite being the main effort in the ongoing war in Afghanistan there have been very few stories released about the 75th Ranger Regiment. A Night in the Pech Valley fills that void, allowing the reader to know what it takes to become an Army Ranger and what life is like to be in the Army's premier special operations unit.

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I've read over 85 war books and A Night in the Pech Valley ranks as one of the best in its attention

to detail.update: 1/1/2016A Night In The Pech Valley is turning out to be better than I expected. As I have mentioned, the attention to detail in this memoir is spectacular! Every bit of information is vividly described as the author takes us through Ranger School, a few of his childish behaviours, then the battles he and his comrades faced in Kunar Province.

I have the privilege of knowing a serving member of the 75th Ranger regiment with multiple tours in the sand. Obviously he cannot tell me much nor would I ask. This book is a poignant description of how I picture the Rangers and know in my heart that they are truly the best of our young men. I thank the author for allowing me a glimpse into the brotherhood. Well written "All the Way"

Just a little background/CV. My dad was a pretty bad ass guy back in his day. Master blaster, CIB, BS/V, SS, PH, and was SF before SF was "cool." I was raised in a home where uncommon men, such as the ones described by Grant McGarry in this book, were a common thing. They certainly set the bar for ME, when I chose a military career, that made successfully completing Ranger School a sine qua non. I lay this foundation to establish that many people will read a book like this and think "Anyone can do this if they set their mind to it." I do not believe that to be true. SGT McGarry describes in great detail, both the types of things done in a modern Ranger unit, and the types of men doing them. The reason I set out my bona fides at the start is that many people will never comprehend how amazingly difficult it is to do what our special ops forces routinely do. The titular op takes place at the end of the book, and the reader has been brought along with fresh-college-grad McGarry through every step of the path that brought him to that operation, through RIP, Ranger School and all the steps along the way. By describing his journey, he paints a picture of the brave, complex, and intelligent men who knock in doors every night, in places we will never know about. The book tends to feel like McGarry is sitting in a beer pub telling stories, not just his own but also of those around him. The stories pull you deeper and deeper into their lives. It's pretty white-knuckle reading by the end. It was very helpful for me to have been/done some of the things McGarry describes, but you won't be lacking in much even if you have never served in the armed forces. Great read, great memorial to many great men.

Although members of my family have fought in WWI, WWII, the Korean War, Iraq and Afghanistan, I must confess that I myself am not a military veteran. This is why it is important to me that the men and women who have served their country continue to publish their memoirs so that the rest of us may, to the best of the authors' abilities, learn about their experiences and vicariously insert

ourselves into their battles. Sergeant McGarry's "A Night In the Pech Valley" continues this fine tradition. The book is an expressive retelling of the author's military experience beginning with his decision-making process as he makes the decision to serve his country, continuing into basic training and the Ranger selection process, his deployments to Iraq and culminating in his deployments to Afghanistan, concluding with a harrowing night-time battle in the Pech Valley. Sergeant McGarry's descriptive recollection of his experiences brought his story very close to home. I would highly recommend reading this book.

Not a love story with warm showers or Dear John prose. Straight up, in your face action cover to cover. As ex-military Navy (USS Enterprise), I was relieved to find acronyms explained once and not at every occurrence slowing the read. You'll love this book and you'll appreciate the sacrifice this man and Rangers make. I am not finished reading this yet but I am at around the 68% point on my kindle. I think I'll have to miss Dancing with the Stars tonight and finish this. From the bottom of my heart thank you for your sacrifice.

Very well written memoir of a combat hardened Army Ranger. The attention to detail really puts you there on the ground with him and his squad. He really describes the feelings of combat and the importance of training hard to win the fight. I really related to the combat parts being a combat vet myself. I also enjoyed how he depicted life in the 75th Ranger Regiment and the challenge of Ranger School. Book was worth every penny and every minute. I read this book in one sitting and it was a great way to close out 2015.

This is a chronicle by an infantryman. It is devoid of "filler" and extraneous facts and political views. It is the very essence of how life is for someone who earned the C.I.B. Written in the vernacular of men who have experienced combat, the subject matter is written raw, as was experienced. If one has a true interest in, or just curious about actual modern combat this is for you. If you have preconceptions about what soldiers' lives are about, be prepared to be challenged.

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