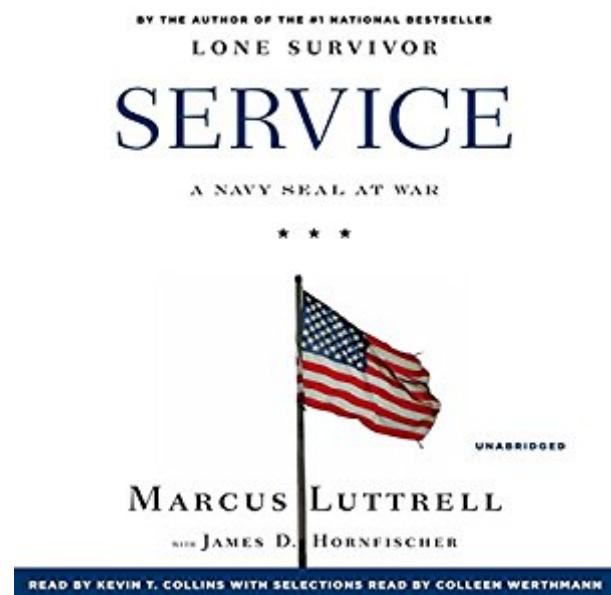


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# Service: A Navy SEAL At War



## **Synopsis**

Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell returned from his star-crossed mission in Afghanistan with his bones shattered and his heart broken. So many had given their lives to save him-and he would have readily done the same for them. As he recuperated, he wondered why he and others, from America's founding to today, had been willing to sacrifice everything-including themselves-for the sake of family, nation, and freedom. In Service, we follow Marcus Luttrell to Iraq, where he returns to the battlefield as a member of SEAL Team 5 to help take on the most dangerous city in the world: Ramadi, the capital of war-torn Al Anbar Province. There, in six months of high-intensity urban combat, he would be part of what has been called the greatest victory in the history of U.S. Special Operations forces. We also return to Afghanistan and Operation Redwing, where Luttrell offers powerful new details about his miraculous rescue. Throughout, he reflects on what it really means to take on a higher calling, about the men he's seen lose their lives for their country, and the legacy of those who came and bled before. A thrilling war story, Service is also a profoundly moving tribute to the warrior brotherhood, to the belief that nobody goes it alone, and no one will be left behind.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Marcus was a student of mine when I was the Course Manager for the Naval Special Warfare Sniper program (Navy SEAL course). I also put his brother Morgan and Axelson through the course a few months prior to him showing up in 2001. All were great students. I still remember his twin brother Morgan shooting me that steely eyed Texas glance as he said, "you going to take care of my brother when he comes through?", "of course", I said. I wasn't let down either. I remember him

being a bit hard headed at times, especially during the stealth and concealment phase. Most Texans I've met are like this in a good way, including our mutual friend Chris Kyle. Marcus was a great student and we became friends during the process, even though he got me quite drunk after graduation. My head still hurts thinking about it. I'm still waiting for the hard copy of "Service" his wonderful wife Melanie is sending me. I couldn't wait, I'm impatient like that, and bought the eBook for my iPad. I'm a fast reader and don't normally read SEAL books but this was one I read in one sitting. Marcus takes you through the rest of his career in the SEAL Teams and shares some excellent stories from Iraq that you would never hear about if his story was not told. Most importantly, he selflessly features other heroes and their stories. All gave and some gave all since 9-11. Marcus is a great story teller and you need to buy this book. Looking forward to that joint signing soon Marcus. Great to see you and your family representing yourself and the SEAL Teams in an exemplary fashion as always. "The Only Easy Day Was Yesterday" - US Navy SEALs. Brandon out. Former US Navy SEAL, Editor-in-Chief of SOFREP and author of The Red Circle.

This was an insightful look into the life of Marcus Lutrell after his harrowing ordeal the year before that prompted him to write Lone Survivor. In Service he tells it like it was, sometimes graphically, about being with a different Seal team, being in close contact with his twin brother Morgan and how he fought the demons of his fallen friends. The moment I started reading this book I could not put it down. Not only did he talk about being deployed again but what life was like after he got out and being at home. If you read his first book Lone Survivor, I highly recommend reading this one. And if you haven't read Lone Survivor I would suggest reading that first before this one. It would help explain some of the things in the second book that have to do with the subject of the first book.

Read Service after reading Lone Survivor. I would read that book before you read this. Both are excellent books. I have always appreciated the military but I look up to the men and women who served and are serving now. They won't admit it but they really are heroes, all of them. May God bless their efforts and keep them safe.

I discovered the book to be epic in scope. The battleground that was the most dangerous insurgent held territory in Iraq is layed out to the reader in great detail. Not only does the book reinforce the reality of the brotherhood among SEAL warriors but it also gives great respect to the interservice support for effective execution of operations. The multiple heroic combat accounts make Service a great single source of stories related to SEAL operations during the critical turn in the Iraq War. The

additional collection of letters and stories from The Warrior Queens, World War II veterans, and an additional chapter retelling incredible details from Operation Redwing's rescue operations (Lone Survivor) were all exceptional contributions to the book's concept of "Service." As a thread through the book, Marcus Luttrell reveals his private thoughts into his struggle with his newfound physical limitations and his desire to continue serving his country. Like a modern day Greek Hero, his path takes him to important characters and mentors who offer him invaluable wisdom. And there's Gulab, Luttrell's Afghan protector, who makes a fantastic comeback in Redwing's aftermath. There is just so much written about in this book it will surely meet a wide variety of a reader's interest. And yes, there is a love story in the book, and I'm not just talking about Marcus' brother Morgan. How does this all fit together? Buy the book and find out! Why read about Navy SEALS in the first place? Because the SEALS are exemplary, of not only as the tip of the spear of our military forces, they are among the best of what this country, in its over 200 years of institutional and cultural history, has managed to produce: Exceptional Courage, Valor, Strength, Dedication, Loyalty, Skill, Patriotism, Teamwork... Service. May I end my review and comments with what struck me about August 6th, 2011. In the book, Marcus compared the loss of The 30 to a loss of one of our aircraft carriers. That's a monumental comparison and one that is apt if you further consider the fact that there are over 5000 sailors serving in a carrier. This is not to belittle those who serve on our carriers but rather, when the best of our SEAL team operators are lost in such numbers, that should spark public outrage and some serious questions of accountability. A friend of mine used the word "treasure" to describe a brotherhood among warriors. The best of our warriors, as exemplified by our Navy SEALS, are indeed our American treasure.

As with his book "Lone Survivor" Marcus Luttrell has done an excellent job of helping us see the heart of a Navy SEAL, and has given a glimpse of what a tough world it is out there. I have always respected the SEALS for what little I understand of what they go through to become SEALs in the first place, but after reading this book, my respect has grown. The attitude of service to others permeates his writing, as well as love of God and The United States of America. People like me will never really know all they go through because we haven't been through the training and gone on the missions they do, but this book brought me about as close as I can get. There is no arrogance or grandstanding involved here. It's all about focus, never quitting, enduring what must be endured, and a very moving dedication to those they serve with. Fair Winds and Following Seas, Marcus, and thank you for your service.

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