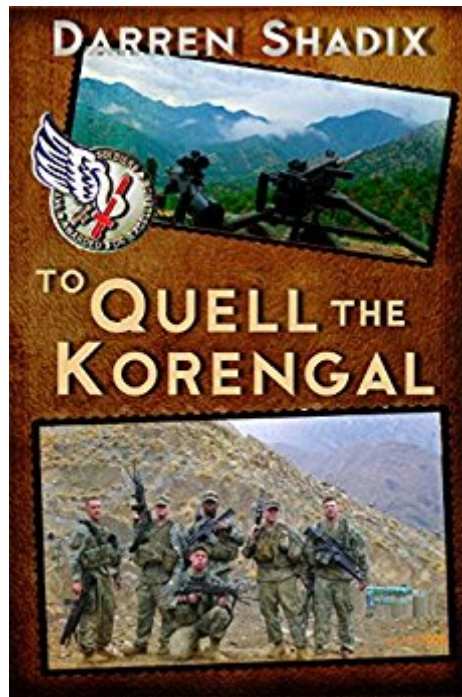


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To Quell The Korengal



Synopsis

From the deployment that brought you Restrepo: In 2007, the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade posted to northeastern Afghanistan's Kunar Province. Battle Company, the best within the Brigade, was assigned the toughest Area of Operations. It was called the Korengal Valley. During their 15-month tour, Battle Company saw more combat than any unit since Vietnam. Raw and unapologetic, *To Quell The Korengal* is a first-hand account of life on the front lines. Written by a grunt on the ground, it is rife with gun fights, grueling foot patrols, a villainous Company Commander, the austere routines of the American Soldier, and the kind of humor only a war could love. Though equally appealing to combat-hardened readers, the story is told in a manner any civilian can comprehend. It was the author's wish that the book could serve as a bridge of understanding for a veteran's wife or mom, or anyone curious about the conflict and sacrifices of our nation's troops.

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Customer Reviews

"To Quell The Korengal" is sure to be a classic. Soldiers of the 173rd arrive at a remote Afghan outpost and are targeted from day one by the Taliban. From constant patrols and engagements against a rarely-seen enemy, we experience the frustration and anger of our soldiers. But the hardships do not lead to gloom and sadness. On the contrary, these soldiers keep it together with the type of enviable style and dark humor that neither the Dos Equis Guy nor Chuck Norris could ever hope to achieve! In one anecdote shared by the author, a weapons-laden Taliban donkey becomes a humorous metaphor of the US-Afghan war. We witness the Taliban donkey as he is unsuccessfully confronted with the full might of the US war machine, and escapes! I found myself laughing at the insanity of the situation as the world's most technologically-advanced force, is thwarted by the stubbornness of a Taliban ass. The author provides us with a glimpse of life in the bizarre Korengal. From Mefloquine-Mondays to Man-Love-Thursdays, life in Afghanistan isn't all blood and bullets, it's bizarre and historic. It is, at times, a snapshot into the curious people suspended in time and cloistered in a region where the national pastime seems to be war-making and blood-letting. But crazy times call for crazy solutions and the soldiers featured in Darren Shadix's "To Quell the Korengal" just might be crazy enough to hold things together and make a mark which will be remembered in years to come. These are not reluctant draftees opposed to war -- as was often the case in Vietnam -- these guys are the volunteers whose call to duty and sacrifice was one done so willingly. They don't cringe at firefights, they resolve them with lead.

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