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The author of *We Who Are Alive and Remain* presents remembrances from the families of the soldiers of Easy Company

A Company of Heroes is an intimate, revealing portrait of the lives of the men who fought for our freedom during some of the darkest days the world has ever known—men who returned home with a newfound wisdom and honor that they passed on to their families and who continue to inspire new generations of Americans.

Compiled from the veterans' notes, journals, letters, photographs, and the author's personally conducted interviews with the surviving contributors, this unique volume features the never-before-told stories of the Band of Brothers from more than twenty children and other family members.

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mikhaela says

this book shows the men of easy company at their most flawed, most human and, i like to think, most accurate-- it's incredibly humanizing in how it delves deeper than their heroics and antics and shows what they were like after the war, how many of the men coped with alcoholism, how much the war messed them up. a part of me wishes i had not read this-- the disillusionment was incredibly upsetting-- but this was an excellent read and marcus brotherton's work is something i'm really starting to admire.

Michael Van Kerckhove says

Great read for fans of Band of Brothers (for me, the series in particular). Most compelling is the final section featuring those Easy Company members who didn't make it home. The chapter on George Lavenson, who was not featured in the series, pulled at my tear ducts for sure. I loved the personal letters home included in Robert Van Klinken's chapter.

Court says

A wonderful compilation of stories about the Easy Company men. This is how you do actual work as a historian, AMBROSE. *coughs* But enough of that hack. This was a great mix of men you're familiar with if you've watched the Band of Brothers series, as well as guys you've likely heard very little about. There were some wonderful stories in here. I highly recommend it to history lovers and those interested in Easy Company.

Andres says

This is essential reading for anyone who is a fan of the 'Band of Brothers' (like me!).

I picked up this book years after reading the original Ambrose book and watching the HBO miniseries about the now famous Easy Company paratroopers. This collection of memories was a wonderful re-introduction to 26 of the men who made up the company, all from personal accounts by their surviving family members. Everyone's life before, during, and after are recounted here and are broken up into four sections: Enlisted men, NCOs, Officers, and those who were killed during the war.

I read this book at the same time I read In the Footsteps of the Band of Brothers by Larry Alexander, and that was the best way to read them: together. They complemented each other greatly by supplying details in one that may have been passingly referred to in another. Case in point: "Salty" Harris is mentioned in *Footsteps* as having died as a pathfinder but doesn't really elaborate. In this book, there is a whole chapter on Harris by

his nephew.

Each chapter works wonders in filling in the gaps in knowledge about these individuals, many of whom did not live the happiest of lives after the war. As well, the book works to clarify misinformation from the original book and miniseries, the two biggest mistakes being the death of Albert Blithe (he did get wounded but didn't die of those wounds, and lived for a long time after) and the most surprising, that Joseph Liebgott wasn't Jewish (a fact straight from Liebgott's son).

I look forward to reading Brotherton's other book *We Who Are Alive and Remain* which is made up of memories by surviving members of Easy Company.

Amber says

Fabulous book. If you enjoyed *Band of Brothers*, this is such a great companion book. Told by family members of some of the men of Easy Company, we get the good and the bad repercussions of the war on these men and their families. I can't wait to watch the series again now with all these tidbits and new insights...

Wilma Johansson says

Jag älskar att hur mycket man än tror att man vet om *Band of Brothers* och Easy Company så finns det alltid mer. Det jag tyckte så mycket om med denna bok var att man fick läsa om männen från deras syskon, barn och barnbarns perspektiv - man lärde verkligen känna dem på ett sätt. Dessutom fick man en inblick i deras liv efter kriget och vilket helvete de alla fick utstå, både under och efter. Finns verkligen inga ord. Underbar bok.

Steve Parcell says

A real valuable addition to the *Band of Brothers* books.

What I liked about this is it told us about these heroes before they joined up and all about their childhood which really added more flesh and bones to these brave men.

It also described how they coped after the war and then detailed their lives right up to their deaths as told by their family. The recurring nightmares and dependency on alcohol for some and break up of relationships for others.

Also it told about their reunions and how they all watched the TV series with their families. Some couldn't cope and others couldn't bring themselves to watch the HBO series.

An excellent read.

Brook says

After the HBO miniseries Band of Brothers, the stories of Easy Company 506 PIR 101st Airborne Division became popular around the world. Easy company veterans gained considerable fame, which they never experienced before. Unfortunately, when Band of Brothers became widely known, many Easy company veterans had already passed away, never able to share their stories anymore.

That's why this book drew my attention: based on interviews with family members or relatives of those veterans, the author tries to tell us their stories. We can find stories about Carwood Lipton, Ron Speirs, Joe Toye, Floyd Talbert and so on, who are very familiar if you've read Band of Brother book previously.

The book is divided into several sections, containing enlist men, non-commissioned officers, officers and those who didn't survive the war. Each chapter tells a story of a man. The stories are based on what the family members heard or remembered. They focus on veterans' family life after war, and how they behave as a father. That's inevitable. The wartime life or battlefield experiences are usually brief. Sometimes an important event in Band of Brother book is described within one or two sentences here.

There are 26 chapters in total, each one a mini biography. But we also notice that it only covers a small amount of Easy Company veterans. That's really a pity.

Jana Lewis says

Loved this book. I've seen Band of Brothers and knew almost every name in here. I loved the post-war perspective from the family - it gives a new light on these men and what they went through.

Kyla says

"In thinking back on the days of Easy Company, I am treasuring my remark to a grandson who asked, 'Grandpa, were you a hero in the war?'
'No,' I answered, 'but I served with a company of heroes.'"

Will I ever not cry at a book about Easy Company?

I think the answer is no.

I will always cry.

Always.

These boys will forever be my heroes and nothing can change that.

Sonny says

Great addition to the band of brother material out there. I recommend this. It tells the back story of the men and their families. Personal, touching and sad at times. Yet inspirational. Good read.

Dr. Michael Galvin says

A good book about the men of Easy Company and their lives post WWII. Not surprisingly many had such difficulty readjusting to civilian life. Depressing at times but many stories of those who succeeded in life after the horrors of WWII.

Chad Simons says

I am not even sure what to say. Another awesome book about some of the lesser known Band of Brothers soldiers. Lesser known only because they were not individually featured in the mini series, but still had stories to tell. Definite heroes. Great book.

Betsy says

I loved this book. It personalized the Band of Brothers in a way the book or the series could not. These men shared so much together and some were able to cope better than others after the war. Their stories helped me put my father's experience of the war into context.

Joe Vonnegut says

An entertaining and interesting read, especially for fans of Band of Brothers. It provides a more human glimpse, warts and all, of the men who composed Easy Company. It is a tribute not only to the "greatest generation," but also all men and women who have served and continue to serve.
