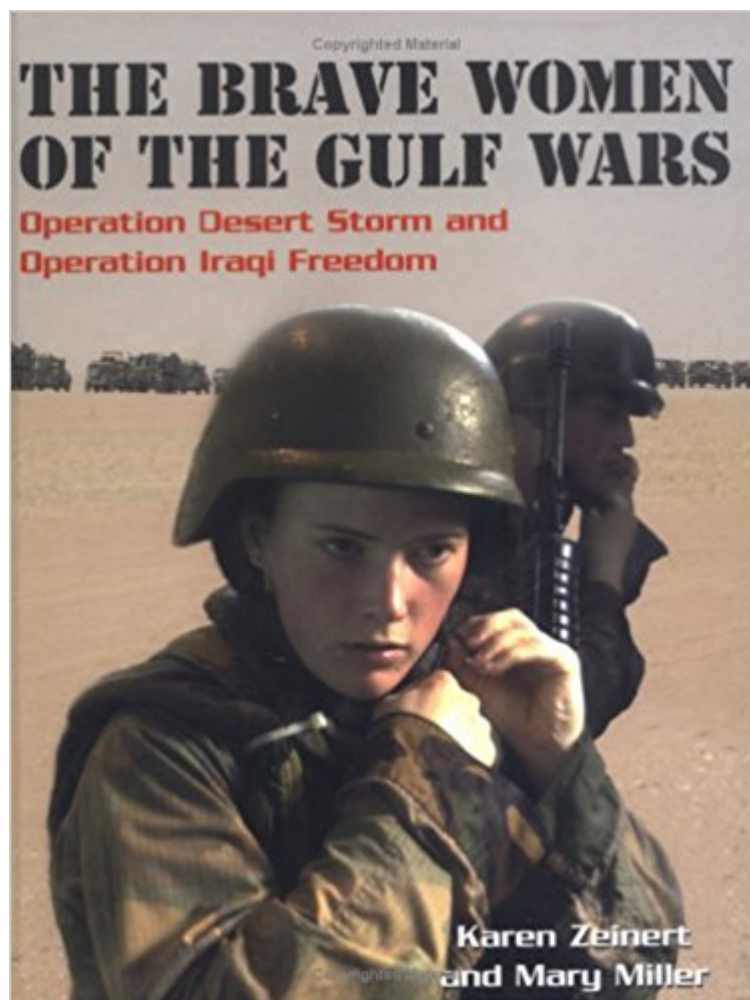




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Synopsis

Traces the roots of the Persian Gulf War and the role women played in the military, as correspondents, as medics, and on the homefront.

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Grade 7 Up—The account of the rescue of Private First Class Jessica Lynch in 2003 grabs readers' attention right away. While this might be the most dramatic scene in the book, the background information as to why the United States is in Iraq will give readers a broad picture of the involvement of women in the war. References to other battles such as the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and the World Wars show what duties women are asked to perform now that they weren't then, and how far they still have to go to be treated with equality. Focus is on their contributions as soldiers, nurses, photographers, pilots, and special agents. This book takes the position that the war is justified, especially since Saddam Hussein violated many Security Council resolutions.

Black-and-white photographs make the stories more vivid, and quotes from the soldiers add interest.—Kelly Czarnecki, Bloomington Public Library, IL Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Gr. 5-8. Zeinert and Miller reinforce the argument that women do, indeed, belong in the U.S. military by highlighting their contributions in Operations Desert Storm (Kuwait) and Iraqi Freedom. Although

the murky black-and-white photos are largely posed shots of soldiers saying good-bye to their children, resting, or returning from service, the narrative paints a picture of consistent courage under fire and, one terse mention of the abuses at Abu Ghraib Prison aside, of professional conduct. The authors extend their purview with a chapter on women journalists in the campaigns, and while thoroughly villainizing Saddam Hussein, they also indicate that the official justifications for the war in Iraq turned out to be weak at best. A utilitarian but cogent assessment of the topic, well supported by notes and sources. John PetersCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

This book is a great read.S.L. when you first corrected me my initial reaction, besides becoming nauseous, was to buy you a case of cuttysark and send it to you with a note of apology.Huddleston, I'm sorry you're looking at doing a 5th tour, that's a burden that no single person should have to carry. I can only imagine the strain you're many deployments has placed on you're relationships with you're loved ones. As for my last comment which offended you, I take those hurtful words back, I wrote them after I had already apologized profusely, done all in my power to rectify the mistake I had made and you kept attacking me in a personal way. I think you aimed the words you wrote, hoping to hit a raw nerve and I can tell you that you succeeded. I'd also like to say that I believe women do have a place in the military, I'm also aware that there are female soldiers who are every bit as good as any of their male counterparts, although I'm told most of these females are officers. I also respect, and thank you for you're service to our country. I wish both you and S.L. could speak to my closest of friends who are Iraq war veterans and they would testify to what a good guy I really am. I wish you could speak to a female Marine I consider a friend who would say the same. Any way I hope you and S.L. are both kept safe during you're future deployments. God's speed and take care.

I thought this book was good, as a woman in today's military I like to read about what my predecessors had to go through. I'm glad I'm able to serve in the military and I never expect to be treated better than the men I serve with.

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