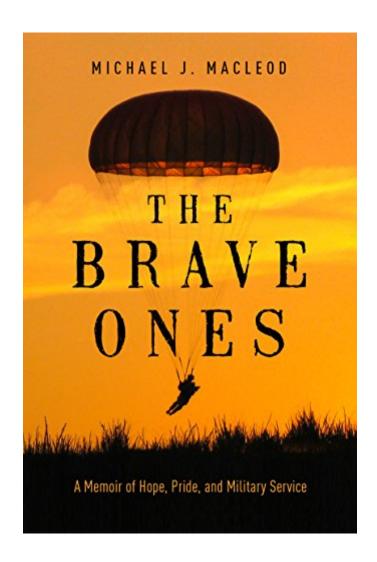


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Very informative first person account of the the daily life of a US Paratrooper. From training to deployment in combat situations in Afghanistan. Well worth the read and makes you really understand and appreciate their sacrifices

As someone who deployed to Afghanistan at the same time as the author, I can attest to the accuracy of his story. The narrative is compelling and emotional. Reading the book brings back so many memories -- makes me want to be back in Iraq and Afghanistan enjoying the camaraderie and the experiences. Buy this book now, don't wait until it is sold out! This would make a perfect gift for

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I just wonder why the author was so selfish to abandoning wife and kids and put himself in harm's way to take pics

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