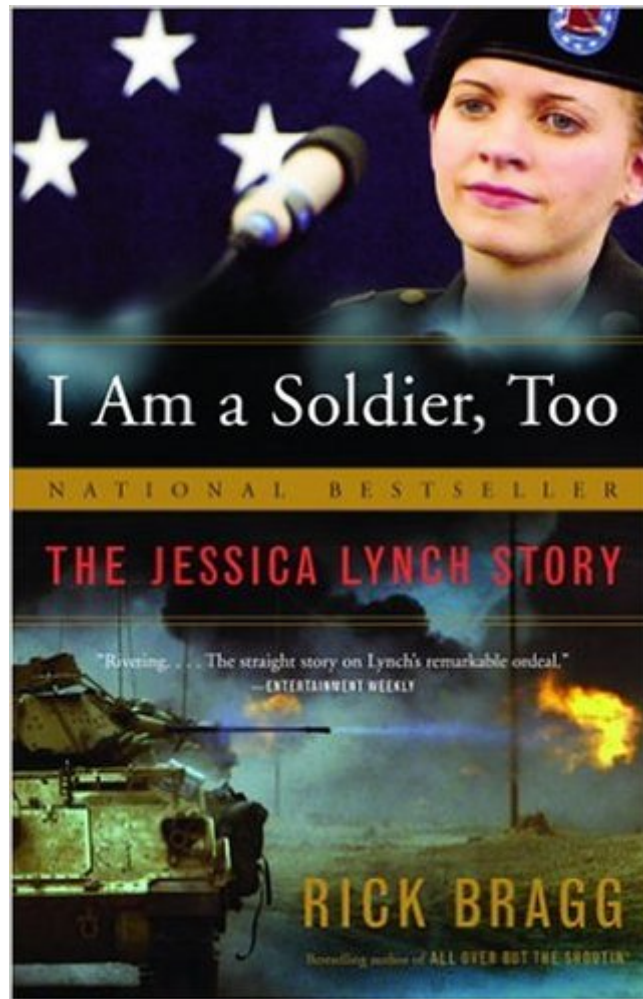


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I Am A Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story



Synopsis

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and bestselling author Rick Bragg lends his remarkable narrative skills to the story of the most famous POW this country has known. In *I Am a Soldier, Too*, Bragg lets Jessica Lynch tell the story of her capture in the Iraq War in her own words--not the sensationalized ones of the media's initial reports. Here we see how a humble rural upbringing leads to a stint in the military, one of the most exciting job options for a young person in Palestine, West Virginia. We see the real story behind the ambush in the Iraqi Desert that led to Lynch's capture. And we gain new perspective on her rescue from an Iraqi hospital where she had been receiving care. Here Lynch's true heroism and above all, modesty, is allowed to emerge, as we're shown how she managed her physical recovery from her debilitating wounds and contended with the misinformation--both deliberate and unintended--surrounding her highly publicized rescue. In the end, what we see is a uniquely American story of courage and true heroism.

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Customer Reviews

The comments about this book and Pvt. Lynch are unbelievable. When the convoy was ambushed it had become lost and entered a kill zone. The Officer leading the convoy got lost because he did not read the map correctly. When the ambush occurred the crap hit the fan. With RPG's, mortars and small arms fire going off the dark night lit up and metal was flying everywhere. In the middle of this her vehicle was hit and crashed during which she was severely injured, not wounded but injured. The initial firing was chaotic and with all troops who were still able to return fire the confusion grew. She stated her weapon became inoperative and while trying to clear it the crash occurred.

Now I don't know how many of you have ever tried to do ANYTHING while taking incoming rounds but the pucker factor joins Murphy's law and everything seems to go downhill very fast. Something as simple as a loose magazine can cause the person to go nuts trying to figure out what is wrong when people are shooting at you. Don't believe me, try it sometimes. Her injuries prevented any further action on her part and she was subsequently captured. The press release was done prior to any rescue of her or the other captives so details were either scarce or at least very limited. Did Pvt. Jessica Lynch stand up and say she was a hero Heck NO. So get off her back. If anything I can guess that survivors said SOMEONE from either the vehicle she was in or one near it had put up a heck of a fight. With so many known dead assumptions were made in error. Only a guess. The people talking to the press were making comments based on what little info they had. Was it wrong, probably because that is the confusion of war. The reports that come in from a firefight are so confusing no one can be sure what really happened until an after action report is completed and even then there are blank spots. I don't know her nor was I in her unit but I can say that all you morons are giving her hell when she did not do anything but get injured during the ambush and then captured. Her injuries from what I have read are ones that will cause her to suffer until the day she leaves this earth. I consider myself lucky because I have had twelve surgeries to repair damage. I can get out of bed each day albeit slowly. Running, walking distances or playing catch is a dream that will never come true again. I can say with 100 percent accuracy she remembers those injuries every day, especially when it is cold or raining. Her injuries would not have happened had it not been for the ambush so she earned whatever the military gave her. One writer complained because she received a medal. In Vietnam some Officers received a Bronze Star because they served in theater. Those with an attached "V" EARNED them in combat. I would say anyone who survived that ambush earned something except, of course, the OIC that got them lost. Most of the comments here are obviously from people who have not "been there and done that". They reflect your bias opinions either against the war or you think she is responsible for what was said when she wasn't even there. You are talking about a young soldier involved in supply and transportation not a grunt. In the Army soldiers are taught how to shoot in boot camp. Unless they are in a fighting unit they don't train with their weapon daily because not everyone is a combat soldier. In the USMC everyone is a rifleman first and then are trained for other jobs. Weapons are something you must use every day to maintain proficiency. Every Marine can disassemble and re-assemble their weapon blindfolded in the middle of a blizzard. In the Army only soldiers in combat units could do that. Supply and transport are NOT your usual combat units although the IED's have now changed that. If you are reading this in the safety of your own home thank our military. Semper Fi.

I just finished reading Jessica Lynch's book, and I enjoyed reading about her side of the story and about her family. The book has 200+ pages, and I finished it in three days. It was just too good to put down! If you're really into politics, then this probably isn't for you. If you want to read about an intriguing young woman's life, how she was miraculously rescued (if she had been rescued even a few days later, she would have died), and how she's adjusting to her current life, I think you will find this book a worthwhile investment. Jessica Lynch has been through a lot in her short life, and I don't believe any of us have a right to be critical of her. She is a very courageous young woman. It takes a strong person to survive on such little hope, but by the grace of God and with many prayers lifting her up, she did, and she deserves our respect, not our criticism.

This book is one of the best I have ever read. I just couldn't put it down. I have read the Introduction in this book several times and I get choked up every time. Jessica Lynch, to me, is a hero simply because she denies being a hero. Like Rick Bragg has said, anyone who gets behind the wheel of a truck and drives into a war zone is a hero. She was the only survivor of the 5 people in the Humvee she was in when it was attacked so she could have claimed she went down with guns blazing, but she didn't. Instead, she was honest and admitted her M-16 jammed. Even her sergeant sitting in front of her couldn't get it unjammed. I gave this book to my daughter for Christmas the year it came out and she called it a great read. I totally agree

I thought it was very well written. It was a very sad true story. I couldn't put the book down. It was noted in the book how the news media tried to beef up Jessica's fight in the attack. She stated she was in the back seat between 2 other soldiers, and put her head in her lap and prayed, because that is all she could do, because the dust jammed her gun, along with many other soldiers guns, despite how many times the guns were cleaned. She came from a wonderful patriotic family, and town. A lot of the young people joined the military in her town, due to there were not very many opportunities for employment, and many were promised education's in the military, and also many like Jessica and her Brother, Greg who also joined the same day as her, just wanted to see the world. This book kept me interested from beginning until the end. The only thing I wish was, the pictures that were shown on my Kindle were very small, I wish they were about 4 times larger. God Bless Jessica and her family and all the people who came to the family's aid in such a wonderful way.

Wonderful account of a tragic situation. Written with Rick Bragg's down home style - just the right voice for this story. Of course, I would read the telephone book or an insurance policy if Rick Bragg wrote it. I have now read every book he's ever written. Mr. Bragg? More, please!

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