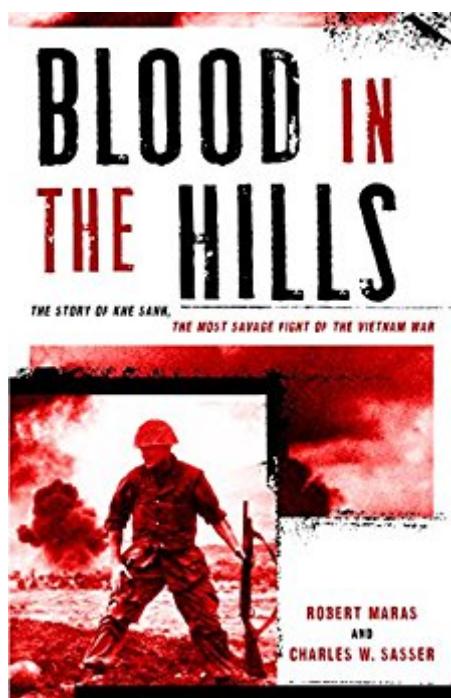


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Blood In The Hills: The Story Of Khe Sanh, The Most Savage Fight Of The Vietnam War



Synopsis

A soldier's eye view of Vietnam's fiercest close-quarters battle upon its 50th anniversary Khe Sanh's Hill Fights of 1967 "as experienced by co-author Bobby Maras and told in this hour-by-hour, day-by-day account" "were carnage on the ground, much of it hand-to-hand fighting in the dark. Thanks to the brave Marines of the 9th and 3rd, Khe Sanh survived the first concentrated attack by the North Vietnamese to invade the South. After the Hill Fights, American forces pulled back and held out against constant enemy shelling and frequent attacks until the siege was broken. Combining Maras' personal experiences with the war's bigger picture, Blood in the Hills honors the heroic actions of our soldiers and shows how Khe Sanh was microcosm of the entire Vietnam War.

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Customer Reviews

Excellent book about the battles in the hills of Khe Sanh during the Vietnam war and the ebb and flow that the two sides had. Giving and losing both territory and men daily. Only to do the same battles over again and again. The author makes the battles come to life and helps you feel like you

know the men in the book who you are fighting with. And explains the planning done before assaults so you know how assaults are being run. And air raids are coming in etc.

It is about an era in American history that most people know very little about. It was before the big battles that most people have heard about. But it was the prelude to and real start of the later battles that most people know about.

That phrase is how Bob Maras and his A-gunner, Tony Lebya started each morning as they " awoke " (they never really slept) and climbed out from their fighting hole to relieve themselves. I have had the honor of becoming friends with a number of Marines and Docs of 2/3, many of whom were in the Hill Fights. My dad was also with weapons platoon, Golf Co as an M60 team leader, arriving in July 1967. He became very close with Gene Killgore with whom Mr. Maras was also close and mentions often in the book. This book is the first account of the Hill Fights from a grunt's perspective. For those of you who've read *Matterhorn*, this is on par; no-nonsense, no sugar coating, violent and tells what it was like to be a 19 year old Marine thrust into one of the most fierce battles in Marine Corps history. Bob Maras served his country with grit, honor and a love for his fellow Marines. He was wounded and could've taken a medevac out early in the battle, but chose to stay with his brothers enduring more hardship than 99% of us could not even imagine. Bob, thank you for your service, and thank you for telling your story.

This is another great Vietnam book. This was one of the best Vietnam stories I have read. I could not put the book down. Its amazing how crazy we fought this war. We lost some many young men for a piece of real estate and then give it back to the NVA. Plus we were winning the war until the politicians had us pull out. Great book and highly recommend it. cheers TyT

I was in the same Marine Corps company as Bob Maras Golf Company 2nd Battalion 3rd Marine Regiment 3rd Marine Division that fought maybe the greatest combat skirmish in the 10-year war in Vietnam. It told how our Company rebuilt itself to full strength in Okinawa before becoming the designated Battalion that would be "on standby" to be sent to anywhere to rescue any Marine Corps outfit that was in danger of being overrun. I too was an M-60 machine gunner and Maras' book brought back vivid memories of those hellish 2 weeks in the fight to control the Hills above the airbase at Khe Sanh. For many of us, it was our first encounter to the grisly deaths that we would soon experience. I truly believe they should make a Movie about the brave men who fought

valliantly for that prize enemy real estate. I salute Bob Maras' memory for bringing things that I have long forgotten back to my memory in such vivid detail. If you only read one book about the combat in Vietnam ... please read HIS book. Semper Fi good buddy. ~ Ron Albright ~ Santa Rosa, CA

As a Marine Lance Corporal and radioman for Hotel Co. Commander, Ray Madonna, I was both a participant and an eyewitness to this bloody piece of carnage. If you knew nothing of the VN War or of the Hill Fights, you might find the book interesting. However, if you are at all familiar with this bloody conflict in the remote western corner of South Vietnam, you will find that "Blood in the Hills" is a book filled with errors, inaccuracies, mistakes and a misguided timeline. I was looking forward to reading the book and ordered it on Prime with , and now feel as though I should have saved my money". If you are interested in this particular battle, I strongly suggest that you read Edward Murphy's "The Hill Fights: The First Battle of Khe Sanh", which provides an account, both accurate and comprehensive of one of the most overlooked battles of the VN War.Desmond T. Murray 4/6/17

Robert Maras writes like he's sitting in your living room drinking coffee telling you a story. As a former Marine who served in a non combat tour of duty in Vietnam this book showed me the grunts life and death in the bush. A must have book of combat seen thru the eyes of a young cocky Jarhead. Sempri Fi Maras.

I laugh at the "criticism" some have of the memories that are the foundation of this book. As a former Police Officer, I, along with the authors know ten people can see the same incident, and remember it ten different ways. This is a great read, about great men.

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