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Dog Tags #3: Prisoners Of War



Synopsis

Man's best friend goes to war. Two enemy soldiers. One uneasy alliance. Miguel is a medic in the US Army. Stationed in a remote Belgian forest during World War II, he's expecting a quiet tour of duty. But the Nazis have other ideas. They launch a surprise attack . . . one that separates Miguel from his entire division. Alone and lost in enemy territory, Miguel discovers an abandoned dog, left behind by German forces. The dog could be just the ally Miguel needs to get out of the forest alive. There's a catch, though. The dog has been trained by the Nazis to see Miguel as the enemy. Can a young soldier teach an old dog new tricks? DOG TAGS is a series of stand-alone books, each exploring the bond between soldier and dog in times of war.

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Customer Reviews

“ Perhaps the greatest horror of all. War doesn't just kill and maim and destroy. It numbs, like the cold numbs, but in a deeper place. It numbs the feelings of kindness and mercy and remorse. It freezes the heart. My heart felt cold right then, and I wasn't sure it would ever thaw.” Miguel is a young boy that has joined the U.S. Army. He lied about his age and he enlisted. He has this attitude about him that lets you to believe that he feels he is confident about going up against the Nazi's in the beginning of the book. However, as the book continues his confidence

begins to waver. Heâ™s a Mexican American and he is trained to be a medic. He is dropped in the war under the command of the Ninety-Ninth Infantry. It is a week or so before Christmas and he is now engaging in WWII. His first taste of war isnâ™t what he had expected. When the blasts started happening he kept being called from place to place, but it was his foxhole pal Goldsmith that had helped him to get his head on straight enough to get out of the foxhole and do his job. He was able to help a few fellow soldiers before he was knocked out by a falling tree in a foxhole next to his dead Sergeant. When he woke up all that remained was a bunch of dead and a doberman pinscher that was tethered to a dead German SS soldier's hand. Miguel wasnâ™t sure what to do at first, but heâ™d decided that he was going to need the help of the dog if he had any chance in finding his fellow soldiers and friend Goldsmith. Once he was able to somewhat get the dog to join his side, he had started calling him Yutz. Yutz according to Goldsmith meant foolish in Yiddish. The pair however unlikely had traveled together and met a common ground for awhile.

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