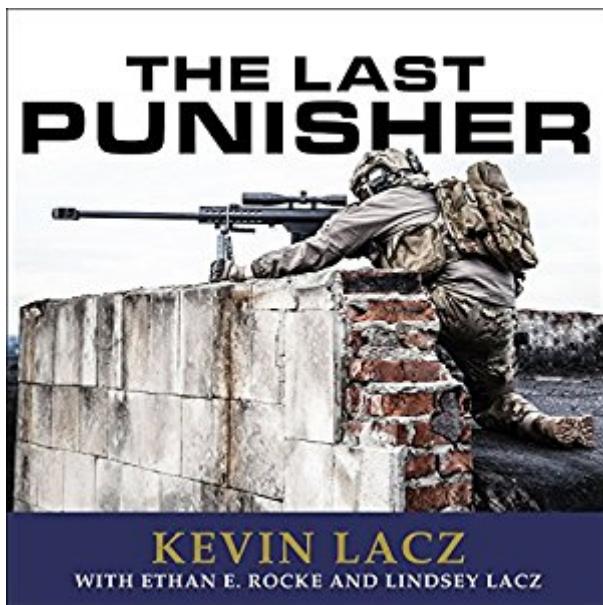


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The Last Punisher: A SEAL Team Three Sniper's True Account Of The Battle Of Ramadi



Synopsis

The Last Punisher is a bold, no-holds-barred first-person account of the Iraq War. With wry humor and moving testimony, Kevin Lacz tells the story of his tour in Iraq with SEAL Team Three, the warrior elite of the navy. This legendary unit, known as The Punishers, included Chris Kyle (American Sniper), Mike Monsoor, Ryan Job, and Marc Lee. These brave men were instrumental in securing the key locations in the pivotal 2006 Battle of Ramadi, told with stunning detail in this book. Minute by minute, Lacz relays the edge-of-your-seat details of his team's missions in Ramadi, offering a firsthand glimpse into the heated combat, extreme conditions, and harrowing experiences they faced every day. Through it all, Lacz and his teammates formed unbreakable bonds and never lost sight of the cause: protecting America with their fight. The Last Punisher brings the listener into the life and mind of a SEAL, demonstrating the tough realities of war. At the same time, Lacz shares how these experiences made him a better man and how proud he is of his contributions to one of this country's most difficult military campaigns.

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Customer Reviews

FULL DISCLOSURE: I have friends who are former Teams guys who, along the way, helped me stay safe in my career thus I do have a special place in my heart for these guys. That said, I've never met Mr. Lacz so I have no personal connection with him though I learned, after reading his book that he apparently lives in my old stomping grounds in the Panhandle. I bought this book after

seeing him on Fox & Friends talking about his book. I decided I'd buy it as a way of quietly supporting him and those who have fought for us. I figured it would be like all the other books out there where authors talk more about their accomplishment, with perhaps some embellishments here and there, mix in a little CDI (chick dig it) lingo and presto "I'm a hero." That is NOT the case at all here. Mr. Lacz gives the ground truth of war and the warriors who fight to protect our freedoms along with his own experiences, warts and all. The Last Punisher will put you under the helmet and in the books kicking of moon dust as you walk the streets of Ramadi. But where other "warrior" books want to share only the "good" stuff, Lacz shares some of the otherwise "boring" stuff to give the reader a better perspective of how things actually happen. He talks about the number of times they got geared up, stressed trying to get to their objective, finding nothing, then stressed getting safely back home. It happens. Not every day is profitable. Yet they still paid the fee in sweat equity and fatigue only to come up empty handed. But when they were profitable, grab your backside and hold on. If you've seen the movies; American Sniper, Lone Survivor, 13 hrs, and so forth, you can easily visualize where Lacz is taking you. You can easily visualize how SEALs move from cover to cover. You walk along side of him, preparing for a direct action contact. And you're there with the guys witnessing him screwing things up. But beyond putting you under the helmet, Lacz puts you in the head of a warrior and shares what it takes to survive mentally. And why, when they come back home, they have nowhere near the difficulty readjusting to life than the other 98% of us would have. Sure their humor may be "sick" to some. Sure they may find something funny it's hitting the fan. It is something very difficult to grasp if you've never been there and Lacz takes us to there. "Teams and shhhstuff." (Forgive me Dauber but censors) Lacz does not get into the politics of war save for the REMFs (get the book for the definition) who were calling the shots putting people in harms way oftentimes with poor judgment. The politics were clearly pay grades above his and I believe he was right to leave his opinions out of this book. For managers and supervisor, pay attention here. Learn to read your people. Learn how to feed them and how to rest them. Learn how to keep them hungry for more. And if you're not shedding tears when he shares bringing Marc Lee (HOOYAH! MARC LEE) home, you're not human and you need to get yourself checked out. If you're an American, if you love this country, please show your support with the purchase of this book. It's such a small price to pay for what he and the SEAL Team THREE "Punishers" have given you.

This is another great look into a world that not a lot of people get to see. To even have a fraction of understanding of what occurred overseas is very important and it should be something that every American strives to understand further. The author explained everything very well and effectively

communicated what he and his teammates went through. As a fan of the Jocko podcast I have been fortunate to hear about this deployment from the officer side so it is refreshing to hear an enlisted guy's experience within the same deployment. Additionally, some of the people Lacz mentions in the book have been interviewed on the podcast. Having heard a 2-3 hours interview with Tony on the podcast it made the book that much more enjoyable and understandable. If you are interested in understanding the cost of the luxury we have today in America, listen to the podcast and buy this book. I bought the digital copy and it was well put together and easy to read. I devoured the book in 48 hours. Pros: *It really educates you about the cost incurred to have the country we have *A fresh perspective from the enlisted side Cons: *None Overall: 5/5 stars (>=.5 rounds up, 5 stars) If you have any further questions regarding the product in my review please leave a comment below and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mr. Lacz completes the narrative of the battle of Ramadi which has been written about by several of America's military warriors. He fills out a lot of detail and adds emotion to the overall picture which was began in Chris Kyle's American Sniper book. Mr. Lacz is an excellent writer who really brings to life the kinetic energy of modern warfare. If you're looking to read a very descriptive rendering of the battle of Ramadi, this is your book. Thank you Kevin Lacz for letting those of us who weren't in the military to get a peek into the intense energy and emotion of a working SEAL platoon.

I honestly wish I had just read the book and not listened to this goofball read it to me. I honestly would get so frustrated with his voice inflection and lack of knowledge regarding the terms and lingo that I contemplated turning it off on more than one occasion. The publisher should really think about having a new narrator do this as the other hack job does no justice to such a heroic tale. It really is sad. He tries so hard yet fails miserably. A great book otherwise.

"the last punisher" ... kevin lacz, read your remarkable account of waging war. you introduced us to the warriors behind the names. most americans don't know these names- lee, job, kyle, monsoor, lacz, et al. with your book now they will and they and america will be better for it. now they know some of america's heroes who gave the rest of us a chance to chase our dreams. this book is a must read for every american, complacency on these events is not an option. to kevin lacz and to all the men and women who wore or are now wearing the uniform-thank you ...

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