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# Dogs On Duty: Soldiers' Best Friends On The Battlefield And Beyond



## Synopsis

When the news of the raid on Osama Bin Laden's compound broke, the SEAL team member that stole the show was a highly trained canine companion. Throughout history, dogs have been key contributors to military units. Dorothy Hinshaw Patent follows man's best friend onto the battlefield, showing readers why dogs are uniquely qualified for the job at hand, how they are trained, how they contribute to missions, and what happens when they retire. With full-color photographs throughout and sidebars featuring heroic canines throughout history, *Dogs on Duty* provides a fascinating look at these exceptional soldiers and companions.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Got this for my 8 year old for Christmas as a read aloud (some of the words and terms are a little advanced for him). He LOVES it, and begs for another chapter. It handles the nonfiction aspect without being too graphic about war, and shows the different/evolving roles our canine friends have in the military. I have found it an interesting read as well, and we have ordered more books on the same subject matter (Stubby the war dog, Balto the bravest dog ever to name two of them) as he seems to enjoy it so much. Took a chance on this one for him, and so glad I did!

Dorothy Hinshaw Patent has written a story which every family needs to read. All the wars since World War I, have focused on the men and women who have served, as they should have, but there are dogs who have been "soldiers" behind the scenes on all the wars. These dogs have been trained to help our service men and women in so many ways and saved many of their lives. I had not known about the training and the extent of the usage of dogs in the military. This book illustrates through detailed photographs of the dogs, their trainers, the jobs the dogs have in the specific locations in our world, what happens when they are injured, and more. You will admire the courage of these animals and the dedication they show to the men and women they assist. If you want to share with your children the patriotism of our nation, you could easily tell them about the men and women in our armed forces, but this book will assist you in showing them the dogs who are part of the United States's armed forces.

I like the book but I must have not read the description before ordering it. It is great for children or for reading to children. Just the same, I am still happy I ordered it. I wouldn't want this book as a paperback, though. I think I read about one of the dogs (Cairo?) in another book about military books, more of a non-fiction novel).

This book provided a better view and an understanding of the important role military dogs play - saving lives and supporting the troops. One develops an appreciation and admiration for the canine and human heroes and their strong bond. This book was read to 2nd graders, who then discussed their own dogs and friends/family who have or are serving in the military.

The prolific author of this stunning photographic book on Military Working Dogs has portrayed these four-legged soldiers in a fascinating way for middle grade readers. It's a sort of simplified version of Maria Goodavage's book, SOLDIER DOGS. Minimal text along with an abundance of full color action photos will grab the attention of all dog lovers. The book would make a great gift for dog-loving kids whose parents are soldiers. They'll learn how the dogs are chosen for their work and then trained. Then they'll see them in action through heartwarming in-your-face images. This is another quality book from Dorothy Hinshaw Patent and Walker & Company.

This is a fast reading, highly informational book on the wonderful two and four legged heroes that have served us and our country in so many ways throughout history. God bless each and every one of them! I highly recommend this book.

Our son picked this out at a school book fair and I have to say that it was an excellent find. Having just rescued a Belgian Malinois from a local shelter that was mistaken for a German Shepherd/Greyhound by the facility, this book showed us how ours is truly a BM with her personality and physical characteristics. This book is filled with information and many photos and stories about MWDs (military working dog), their handlers, history, and how they've added to the military here and around the world. It is packed with very interesting photos that capture the genuine value of MWDs. Other reviewers have given it less than a 5-star because of it's content. I have to say, just because a book does not have suspense or a twist to it does not make it juvenile material. My husband and I are adults and truly enjoy this book anyhow. If you love dogs, as we do, this is a good one to pick up as we keep coming back to it time and time again. Lastly, KUDOS to all of the MWDs and their handlers who put their lives on the line to protect us.

This is a great nonfiction book that delves into a different aspect of military service and the important roles that dogs play in protecting our soldiers. Our committee placed it on the 2014 ballot.

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