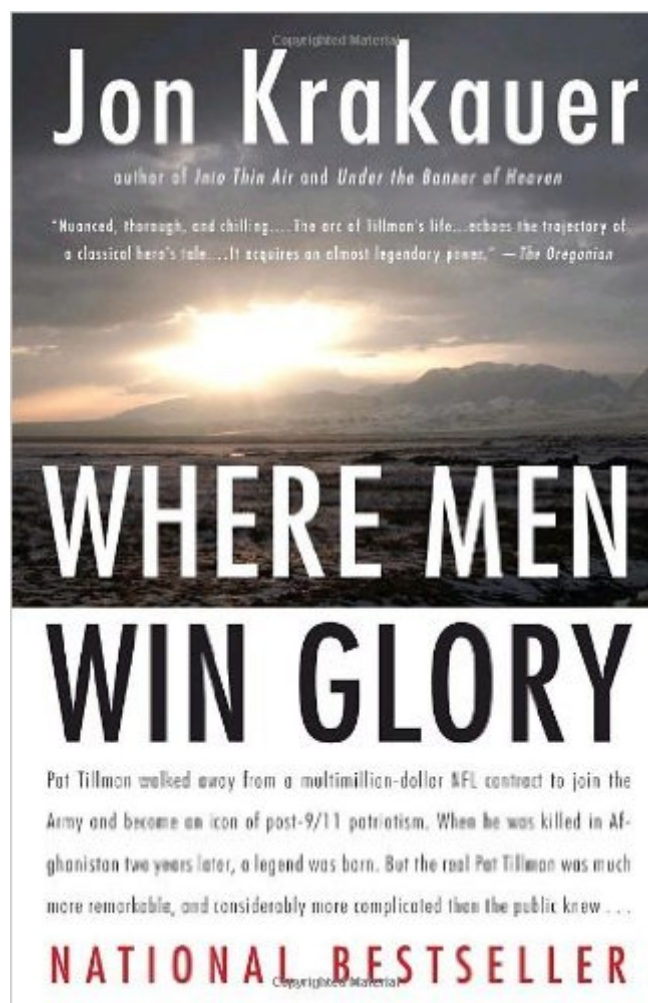


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Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey Of Pat Tillman



Synopsis

This edition has been updated to reflect new developments and includes new material obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. Pat Tillman walked away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to join the Army and became an icon of post-9/11 patriotism. When he was killed in Afghanistan two years later, a legend was born. But the real Pat Tillman was much more remarkable, and considerably more complicated than the public knew... A stunning account of a remarkable young man's heroic life and death, from the bestselling author of *Into the Wild*, *Into Thin Air*, and *Under the Banner of Heaven*.

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Customer Reviews

Jon Krakauer, author of riveters like "Into Thin Air" and "Under the Banner of Heaven", has taken up the story of NFL star Pat Tillman in his latest book, "Where Men Win Glory". The result is a thought-provoking, inspiring, and sometimes heartbreaking read, chronicling Tillman's tragically short life. A few things stand out in this book for me. One is the deep and complex nature of Tillman's motivations for enlisting. When I first heard about Tillman, right after he announced he was enlisting, I assumed he was a straightforward flag waver. As Krakauer shows, the truth is more complicated. Tillman was rather that rare breed - what I might call a "critical idealist" - who believed in principles and the possibility of living up to them, while recognizing that it was too much to expect that this would happen very often. Yet one's duty was to try nevertheless. And obviously, he did. But other aspects about the nature of his motivation come through, and for me, these are the most

interesting. In particular, I am intrigued, because of parallel experiences in my own life, by how even Tillman himself becomes unable at times to articulate to himself why he is doing what he is doing. There is something pushing him, some voice within, to drop the NFL and go and fight, and when he is honest with himself, he has no idea what this force is, where it comes from, or why he must obey it. But in the end, he realizes that he cannot *be* without it. It is, Krakauer shows, his very essence. Krakauer's handling of Tillman's death likewise is quite masterful.

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