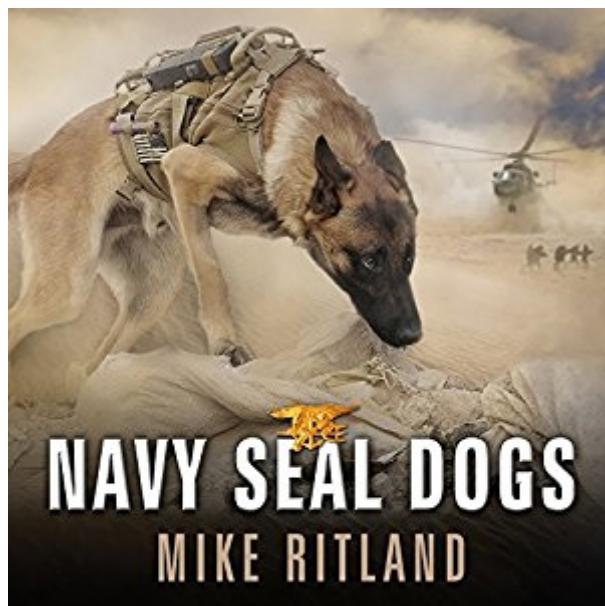


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Navy SEAL Dogs: My Tale Of Training Canines For Combat



Synopsis

The Navy SEAL teams' elite K9 warriors do it all - from detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys. These powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and most highly skilled working animals on the planet. Mike Ritland's job is to train them. This is the tale of how Ritland discovered his passion and grew up to train these elite dogs. After becoming a SEAL, he was on combat deployment in Iraq when he saw a military working dog in action, and he instantly knew he'd found his true calling. Ritland eventually started his own company to train and supply working and protection dogs for the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, and other clients. He also started the Warrior Dog Foundation to help retired Special Operations dogs live long and happy lives after their service.

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Customer Reviews

This was a summer reading book for my sixth grader. We expected this to be a story about Navy Seal dogs but it is technical details about training Navy Seal dogs. My son reads at a late fourth grade level and this book is too hard for him. His college age brother read some of it to him and found it to be difficult to read. I find it to be dry. If you are interested in training dogs, you might enjoy this book. If you are looking for a good story, this is not the book for you.

Started a little slow and it seemed the author was searching for material to fill out the book. However about 1/3rd of the way through it got very interesting especially with the stories of actual dogs in

real-life situations. Needless to say, I was impressed with how well the dogs were trained and how useful they proved themselves. I'd recommend the book to anyone who is a dog lover or who enjoys reading about the exploits of Navy SEALs. I'd especially recommend the book to anyone who owns a guard-type or protection dog. But these dogs are in a totally different category than your run of the mill family pet who happens to be a certain breed. These pups are something else!

I read the 'adult' version of this book, and was very impressed with how the author presented the material. I was thrilled when I learned a youth version was being written, so I preordered this book for my son (under the age of 12). He's an avid reader, dog lover and tremendous fan of our Military and Navy SEALs, so it's really right up his alley. We received it from yesterday, and my son had a hard time putting this down last night (we had an issue with flashlights and reading under the covers), and started reading when he woke up for school this morning. I'm happy he enjoys it - the book is well written, easy for children to comprehend but complex to retain interest for advanced readers, and the topic is interesting. The underlying message is one of dedication and strength, of setting goals and pursuing them, and of the value of being part of a team. My son is also somewhat familiar with the military and our war in Afghanistan (we have a Navy family member who just returned home) and I think this book has helped him get more of an understanding of what we're fighting and why. It's a great teaching tool for parents, and I am happy to be able to use it to help my child understand better the bravery, fortitude and honor of the members of our Armed Services (man and beast alike). We're very grateful for the service of our men, women and pups in uniform.

This is a very heart warming read, even though it made me cry at the same time, because the stories pulled on my heart strings. I have a special place in my heart for my father and brother who served our country in time of war. WWII, Korean War and the Vietnam War and all those who serve our country. I'm retired law enforcement and have great respect for the heroism of the hard working, dedicated and loyal dogs that keep us safe, whether in the military, law enforcement or private security. God Bless you Michael Ritland for your endless devotion and passionate love you have for dogs.

This book was a gift for my son in law. He gave it a two thumbs up!

Great book that really goes over the theory and reasoning behind certain training methods in differing scenarios. It's more of a high level but simply put overview and it really helps you

understand the role as a handler, the dog being able to pick up training and be the best dog they can, as well as proper bonding and what comes of it. This book makes me want to go and intern with Mike and being a better handler and trainer.

Great book!

Great Book - Thanks Mike Ritland !!

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