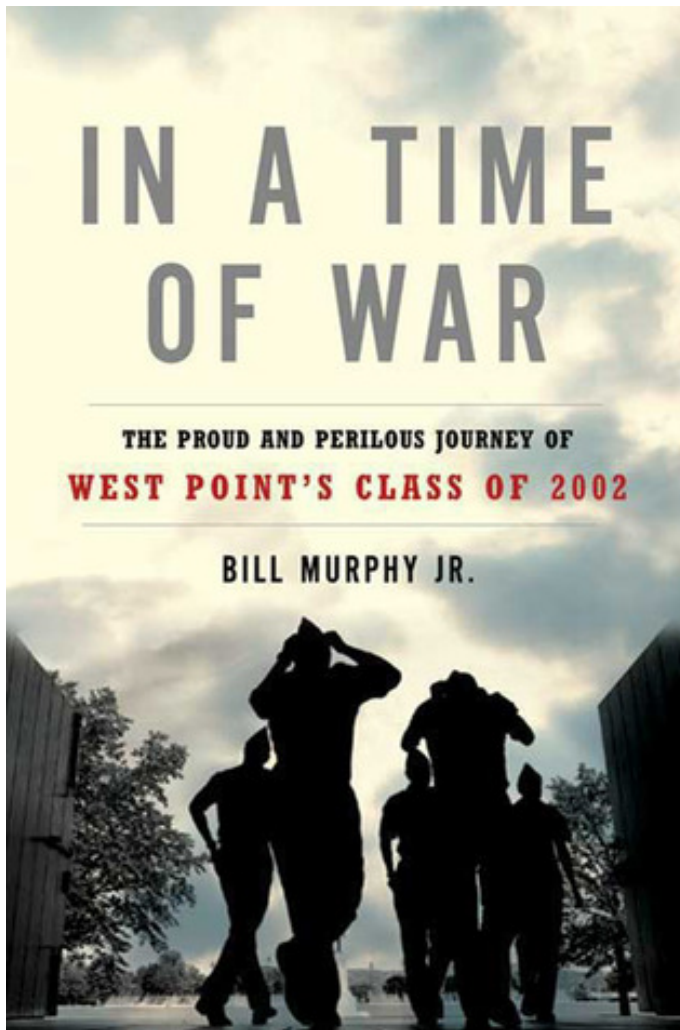

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Description

The dramatic story of West Point's class of 2002, the first in a generation to graduate during wartime

They came to West Point in a time of peace, but soon after the start of their senior year, their lives were transformed by September 11. The following June, when President George W. Bush spoke at their commencement and declared that America would “take the battle to the enemy,” the men and women in the class of 2002 understood that they would be fighting on the front lines. In this stirring account of the five years following their graduation from West Point, the class experiences firsthand both the rewards and the costs of leading soldiers in the war on terror.

In a Time of War focuses on two members of the class of 2002 in particular: Todd Bryant, an amiable, funny Californian for whom military service was a family tradition; and Drew Sloan, the hardworking son of liberal parents from Arkansas who is determined to serve his country. On the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, Todd, Drew, and their classmates—the army's newest and youngest officers—lead their troops into harm's way again and again.

Meticulously reported, sweeping in scope, Bill Murphy Jr.'s powerful book follows these brave and idealistic officers—and their families—as they experience the harrowing reality of the modern battlefield. *In a Time of War* tells a vivid and sometimes heartbreaking story about courage, honor, and what war really means to the soldiers whose lives it defines.

Insightful reviews

Melissa: Need to get

Martha: This was interesting to me because it covered the first West Point class in a generation to graduate during a time of war, and the first class to have women in it who were graduating into war. Yet, in so many ways, all stories of war are stories of war. It is horrible for those who experience it.

Anna: A heart-wrenching story of a several army officers who were apart of the invasion into Iraq and Aghanistan. This book helped formulate a better understanding of the effects of war on its soldiers and family members than any news piece written on the Iraq War. A truly captivating and worthwhile read.

Mindy: I learn this booklet simply because I took an interest within the topic while i began working the Timothy J. Moshier Memorial Run/Walk 2 years ago. This 12 months there has been a word approximately this publication within the packet choose up. i'm very completely happy that I learn this as i used to be capable of study a few attention-grabbing information regarding West aspect and a few of it truly is 2002 graduates. It used to be middle wrenching at times, either certainly worthy reading.

Pmcpmd: now not being a "military person" i used to be enthralled by way of the human tales and drama--not simply of the soldiers, yet their families. it is a cliché, however the sacrifices they make at this sort of younger age are incredible.

shay: a great book. it follows the various 2002 graduates from west aspect as they do their army duty. well-written and interesting, by means of turns heartbreaking, an exceptional research of the lives of west element grads.

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