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From Reader Review Wounded for online ebook

Jamie Baker says

Wounded was about a unique family that lived on a military base because the father participated in the Afghanistan War. He was gone for nine months and when he returns his family notices a slight change in his attitude. His change in attitude progresses during the more time he spent at home. Marcus the son and main character has the most insight on how his father deals with the traumatic events. Only when Marcus is told by his friend Courtney that his father has PTSD, Marcus does something about it. Marcus's father begins to get violent, hitting Marcus and his mother. Marcus speaks up and his father finally agrees to talk to someone.

Wounded covers the historical events of the Afghanistan War. This book provided information on how it would feel as if you had a loved one participating in the Afghanistan War. Most history textbooks would not provide the emotion and thoughts of someone who had to go through a traumatic event.

The truth about the life of a soldier after they come back from a traumatic event is very unfortunate, although they get to see their loved ones, they may not act the same as they once did. In Wounded Marcus knew that there was something different about his father. It wasn't until his father got violent that he knew that his father needs help. It is true that some soldiers commit suicide because they're not happy. It's also true that some soldiers get violent with their loved ones to deal with the stress. All of that could be avoided if they talk to someone, reach out and get help. Even if they just talk to a family member. Soldiers shouldn't be afraid to speak up if something's wrong, or if they aren't feeling the same as they did.

I really liked this book a lot. It was very interesting to read. I learned several things about how it feels to live with someone who has experienced a traumatic event. I can relate to how Marcus feels when he doesn't see his father very often and sometimes months on end. It's upsetting that families lose loved ones to wars. I disliked the fact that Marcus's father was very unwilling to get some help or even talk to his wife about his experience during the war. Overall this was a great book and I would definitely recommend it. +

Hannah Belyea says

Marcus and his small family are ecstatic when his father finally returns from the fields of Afghanistan, and he hopes life will return to normal soon - but as the days go by, he begins to realize that there is something vastly different about his father...something vastly broken...Walters is sure to have readers charmed with this emotionally charged story about family, trust, and the power of openness. How can Marcus hope to help a man that has seemingly changed for good after so long in battle?

MsPescador says

This book is a story about a boy named Marcus who although being a typical teenager has the added responsibility of being "the man around the house" while his dad is on duty in Afghanistan. His father is a soldier for Canada and is part of a special forces team that is attempting to find the Taliban. Even though the war is miles away, Marcus and his family and friends are deeply affected. Marcus himself sacrifices a lot to fill in for his dad while he is away and also witnesses his best friend Courtney being given the worst news

possible. I enjoyed reading this story because I think Marcus is a realistic character and because he sacrificed so much to be there for his mother and younger sister.

Ericy Yine says

This book is about this boy, Marcus, who's father has gone out to war in Afghanistan as part of the Special Forces. Each day Marcus and rest of his family await for his return. Meanwhile, Marcus starts dating his crush. Tragically, her father died in the conflict and put a grave sadness over all of them. As a reminder that the unthinkable might also happen to Marcus, he awaits with worry, as they have not heard from his father in months. *Spoiler* Marcus's dad returns safely back, but comes back as a stranger man. He was wounded not physically, but wounded inside of him.

I picked this book up because I have always been interested in war novels, and the very title was very dramatic, so I decided to give the book a try.

I finished this book because of the uncertainty of the end of each chapter, (foreshadowing) so I just couldn't stop reading this book until the end came and left me lost and dazzled because of the constant foreshadowing, so I was left with the end, which was very weird compared to the end of the other chapters.

I would recommend this book to anyone who is interested in war novels (particularly Kevish) with a little hint of romance(which is the part I didn't like) or those people who love to foreshadow and keep reading for hours, since the setting is modern day, warfare, and with all the hints of the future, this book is great for them.

Chance Hansen says

You know this book was on my shelf for quite a while and I am really glad I buckled down and read it. I'm going to call the book out though. It actually looks like it was written for film. When they start the book Eric Walters really tries to build up the intensity. Honestly the reason of the story doesn't start until the half-way part.

I'm not saying the beginning is bad. Just the opposite. There is actually more heart in the first half. You see in the first three chapters you are literally know everything about the atmosphere, how they live, and even how strong the chemistry is between Marcus and really everyone else in the story. This start up is just amazing and it lays the set out perfectly.

The relationship between Courtney and Marcus is perfectly cute. You have this touching way that they are trying to help each other. When ever these two were put together it gives the story a nice slow pace for them to talk.

Something I really want to shout out to him for is the amazing open-mindedness he creates in his books. The same way Camp 30 created a fine line between German's and Nazi's this book creates a fine line between the Residents and Terrorists the Canadian Soldiers fight against. I don't read many war books but the information offered is interesting.

Since this book is based on a a mentally wounded soldier you know there are going to be some stories from the war line and the imagery is not good. I would have eased up on the details (Even though they are to a degree toned down) (BUT this is a war book and as is how do you criticize that in a book like this. It's gore but its war based book.(Can't eat your cake and keep it too concept.))

For the next ten chapters you know the story is really about to start soon and it's going to hit hard. I was actually dreading reading this because of how deep down the rabbit hole it was going to go. Did it have that hard impact I expected. No not at all. I actually went in a direction I didn't expect, which actually made this book more realistic.

I do wish his sister was in the story more through the last half. But she seems to just disappear for the most part.

Without handing anything out the end fits perfectly with what the book offers us through out the story. Through the last half of the book all the certain quirks and sparks of anger shows everyone in the book needs therapy without is hammering it into the reader.

Lucielle says

good so far.

Me says

This book needed to be written.

Personally I remember parents trying to convince their children that being a soldier is not a good job. They don't want to see their child hurt, or coming back dead. However there's so little emphasis on the fact that no soldier ever returns un-wounded.

Wounded focuses on the fact that soldiers will suffer from PTSD. They do what they need to do, and they choose the hard life. Most people think that when a soldier comes home they're safe. However they're not safe from the demons in their head even if they've never been scratched.

Wounded shows us the PTSD of so many soldiers. People need to be told that soldiers can be hurt in the mind. Citizens need to know that.

Yes the average citizen know what they remember from History class. They know what November 11th means, and they stand their two minutes of silence.

This gives us a face to the soldier. They're no longer a statistic. They are people.

So are there families. They spend every day hoping that their soldier will come home safe. The families are never mentioned. Wounded tells us of a military family and the things that they go through. It affects them too.

A book was needed to tell people this. It was needed so badly.

Wounded made me (almost) cry, and laugh, and cheer. This is just one of many wonderful Eric Walter's books. It really doesn't matter that after reading so many I caught on the foreshadowing technique. It doesn't matter that I recognize info dumps since I already know that information. The first time I just suck up the information.

These book was needed.

Shahd says

This book was just wonderful !! It basically follows the story of a young boy called marcus. Marcus lives in Afghanistan with his mother and his younger sister lily. They are waiting for their father to be back from the military and return home. When marcus's father returns home the family is filled with joy and happiness to have finally got their father back home with them. However, they notice that their father has changed a lot in his behaviors and personality. Marcus soon finds out from his friend Fiona, that his father is suffering from PTSD. (Post traumatic stress disorder) PTSD usually occurs after a person experienced a traumatic incident. Since his father was in war, he obviously has seen people being killed and has heard screams, bombs, etc. Marcus tries to help his father in every way he can. I personally think that this book was a great read and I really enjoyed it. The characters were really well developed and the book was very well written. I totally recommend this book to everyone who is looking for a good read. However this book is a little too mature and might be upsetting for some readers. Overall, I loved it!!!

Lindsay says

I found the book Wounded an amazing book. I think I liked this book the most because it touches on how someone's mental health is just as important as their physical well being, which I think is super important. To start off with wounded is about a family of 4 but turns into a family of three for the majority of the time while the dad is over seas in Afghanistan when his platoon gets sent over there to fight in the Army. The family of 3 including a mom, young sister named Megan and a 15 year old son named Marcus go for weeks at a time with no communication from their father at all. The only thing they can do to see what's happening and if indeed he will come home safe, or at all is the stuff they can watch on the TV. When at one point had a news broadcast about an explosion that happened where their dad was. This book is all about love and hardship. The family waits anxiously finally to see their dad come home to what appears to be safe and sound. When eventually Marcus is the one to realize that he is not okay, at least not emotionally. He had what appears to be PTSD, he was constantly aggressive, barely sleeping, obsessed with everything that had to do with Afghanistan. He knew that his dad needed help, but he would not admit it, or help himself. This book is also about how the war has an effect on everyone. Courtney who appears to be Marcus's girl friend also had a dad who was in the Army and was a close friend to Marcus's dad. Courtney's father died over seas causing a lot of heartbreak for that family, Marcus's dad, Marcus himself, and the rest of his family. Marcus was only a 15 year old boy but he was considered the man of the house when his father was gone. He would constantly help his mom with his younger sister Megan instead of hanging out with Courtney, and also having to step up and help his father when he is struggling, especially when it came to his drinking problem.

Ubalstech says

Eric Walters is one of my favourite authors for young adults. His books are topical and attractive to the boys I teach. This latest book deals with how the war in Afghanistan is affecting families back home. We see the effect a death has on a military family, as well as the main character dealing with his father's return from Afghanistan. The youth in the book deal with a father suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, as well as their own issues around fear of loss.

The only criticism I have of this book is that the ending is a little abrupt, leaving the reader wondering what was going to happen. I wish the author could have spent one more chapter as a denouement, as the ending did feel a little forced.

Still an excellent book to help young people understand that war affects more than the soldiers and that more than the families of dead soldiers deserve our sympathy and respect.

Louise says

Story Description:

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My Review:

Fifteen-year-old, Marcus's father is stationed in Afghanistan serving as part of the Special Forces team. His mother, Carol and younger sister, Megan live on the base which Marcus prefers. He feels more comfortable living there and feels "how could anybody who didn't have a parent serving overseas know what it felt like for us?" Marcus feels he is more with his kind than he would be living outside the base.

Megan has a lot of trouble sleeping due to worry about her Dad and begins having night terrors. That is somewhat rectified by sleeping with her Mom in her bed, and she has a pillow with a picture of her Dad's face on it. Each night before she goes to bed she would spritz the pillow with her Dad's after shave lotion which calmed her down a great deal.

To keep herself busy and as free from worry as possible, Carol works at Wal-Mart a few hours a week. When she is home she cleans every surface in the house. Marcus often jokes that they have the cleanest home on the base.

Waiting for this tour of duty to be over is very difficult on the family. They have made a calendar that hangs on the kitchen wall which counts down the days until his return. Each day, Megan crosses off one day and announces to Carol and Marcus how many days are left.

Each day the family waits for an e-mail or phone call from Afghanistan and they are worried sick because it has been 3 weeks since they'd last heard anything. This is unusual and the longest their father has ever gone without communicating with them. Then one day on the news they heard that a Canadian soldier has been killed by an IED and several others were wounded. The family is heart-stricken thinking it could be their father and that is why they haven't heard from him in such a long time. Fortunately for them, it wasn't him, but it was Marcus's girlfriends father instead and Marcus had to deal with that whole situation for the girls' sake.

When Dad finally returns home he is a changed man and is clearly suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder but fails to see that in himself. It is a very difficult period of time for the rest of the family as they try to convince him that he needs counselling.

Wounded was written for a Grade 8 class and was penned with honesty and tempered with consideration for the audience for which it was written. I thoroughly enjoyed it and read it in a couple of hours at a short 224 pages. Eric Walters is a patient and kind writer who always keeps in mind the audience his book is geared for.

Wounded reminds us all to be very thankful to the brave men and women who risk their lives every day for our country. Next time you see a soldier, remember to shake their hand and say thank you.

Sarah says

Wounded was one of the books that I thought would have things that would be too boring to read-but I was wrong. Wounded brings into a life of a boy who has a parent in the war of Afghanistan. It really tells you the story how just normal people who's parents aren't in the military just don't get it. How hard it can be if a death has been reported, injuries, and just how their doing. So the main character Marcus's dad is in the war of Afghanistan- Special Forces, about one of the most dangerous places to be. And just one day, everything changes for Marcus's family. There's been a death, but who is it? Marcus's dad or someone else's?

Natalie says

This book is about a boy named Marcus. His father is a soldier fighting for where Marcus' family, friends and just innocent people live. This is something that Marcus is happy about in his father. But with all drama filled novels, there comes a wave of depression and sadness that overcomes the characters involved. Basically Marcus, his sister and his mother (wife of dad) is obviously lonely without their father/significant other. But as we know, all BAD things must come to an end because Marcus' father came home after about a time period of 9 months. Everyone is fairly happy until their father/husband turns into more of a soldier than a father at all. He is very jumpy, abusive, night traumas occurring, etc. If you do understand, have been in a situation of a loved one serving in war, or haven't, you would know how the family overcomes these troubles and gets through it together. Also, if you like a little bit of romance mixed in with it, this is the perfect book for you! I actually rated it a total of 3 stars only because I couldn't really relate to it as much as probably most of the readers can (since a lot of people who probably read this book had someone they loved serve), I didn't. But I would absolutely recommend this novel to someone going through a time like this, an individual, to help them. Thanks for taking the time to read about my overall thoughts on this book.

Hardi says

i think i like it

Lisette Jane Tabing says

This is the first novel that my ESL class read and I honestly, like and appreciate this novel. The whole story is great. I think that the ending does not satisfied nor disappointed me. I think it is balanced. There are many questions on my mind about the ending but anyway, this book is so much awesome and simple. If Marcus only exists in the world, I want to meet him and be close to him. Same goes for the other characters in the book and Eric Walters, I want to meet them too.

I recommend it to everyone.

Through this book, I realize how much soldiers and their family have been through and that it is not only the soldiers who are hurting (PTSD or whatsoever) but the family too. Their wounds may be invisible but they are fresh and are painful. Let's be kind to others and appreciate what they are doing for us. Let's not just appreciate what the soldiers did after they died. Let's appreciate them while they are still alive and fighting.
