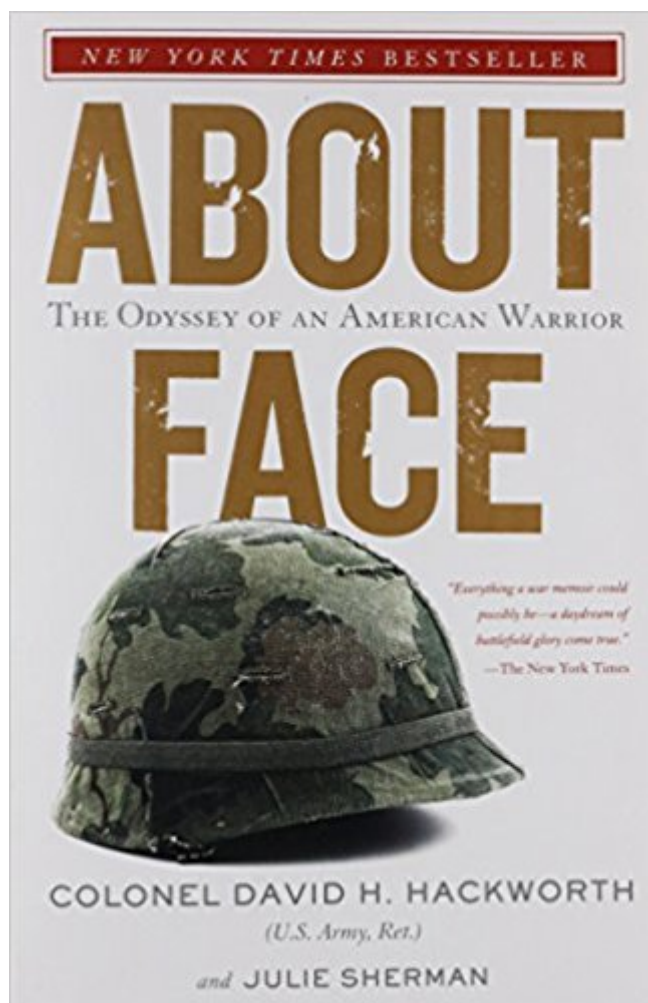




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# About Face: The Odyssey Of An American Warrior



## Synopsis

Called "everything a twentieth century war memoir could possibly be" by this national bestseller by Colonel David H. Hackworth presents a vivid and powerful portrait of a life of patriotism. From age fifteen to forty David Hackworth devoted himself to the US Army and fast became a living legend. In 1971, however, he appeared on television to decry the doomed war effort in Vietnam. With *About Face*, he has written what many Vietnam veterans have called the most important book of their generation. From Korea to Berlin, from the Cuban missile crisis to Vietnam, Hackworth's story is that of an exemplary patriot, played out against the backdrop of the changing fortunes of America and the American military. It is also a stunning indictment of the Pentagon's fundamental misunderstanding of the Vietnam conflict and of the bureaucracy of self-interest that fueled the war.

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David H. Hackworth (Col., U.S. Army, Ret.) spent almost five years of combat duty in Vietnam, as well as twenty-five years in the service of our nation's defense. His previous two nonfiction books, *About Face* (available from Touchstone) and *Hazardous Duty*, and his novel, *The Price of Honor*, were national bestsellers. Eilys England produces feature films and writes with her partner and husband, David Hackworth. They live in Connecticut and Australia.

This is a very long book, written by a rookie. However, it may be the finest soldier's autobiography I have read except for "With the Old Breed". I think I've read everything that Hackworth wrote, and

nothing matches this. I read a library's copy years ago and decided it needed to be part of my library as well as their's. Important Note: Buy the paperback. Some of the hardcover volumes have a binding error. Some pages are missing and some are duplicated.

My husband served under David Hackworth in the 101st. He said the stories are factual, and brilliantly portrayed and accurate. We loved his book. David Hackworth was a true American hero. A great warrior. Idealistic and Patriotic.

Wow, didn't know war was so ugly. Maybe if everyone read this book, we wouldn't be so quick to jump into a conflict. I know it is a necessary evil sometimes, but the men and women who fought for our country need more respect. I cannot even imagine what they went through. This book reveals the harshness of war from the past. You would think our world would see there is no winner. Thank you to our veterans. It is an honor to own the book.

One of the very best books I have read, EVER. David Hackworth was such an amazing American hero, and I can't believe Americans don't even know his story, his heroism, and the true story about Vietnam. It's in paperback, nice thick paperback, and that is great because it is about 2+ inches thick. Easy font to read. It took a few chapters to get used to reading the glossary so I could figure out all the military acronyms, but it became totally easy after about the first 50 pages. For all of you who know relatives or friends who served in Vietnam, I urge you, really URGE you to read this book. If you are a history teacher in high school, shame on you if you don't read this before talking to your students about the early 60's, when so many brilliant, patriotic soldiers laid down their lives to just "reach the hill"... Please read it and don't let this part of history disappear like so much of American history is being erased.

Great story from a real American hero. I heard this book referenced on the Jocko podcast and it also appeared to have an impact on Tim Ferriss so I decided to give it a read and do not regret it. It is a big book so I wish a Kindle version was available, but oh well, worth having on the bookshelf anyway.

A very long book, but a good one. Hackworth's insights on ground combat is a unvarnished look at a dirty and dangerous undertaking.

I was really moved by Hacks life story. He was lucky to be alive many times over. I think i was most impressed by his always giving the credit to those who molded and shaped him into what he was. I feel sorry for his little family but that was yet another contradiction in his eventful life. Hack was a mans man and I finished the book inspired. A real page turner.

AMAZING..a must read for anyone interested in leading others successfully.

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