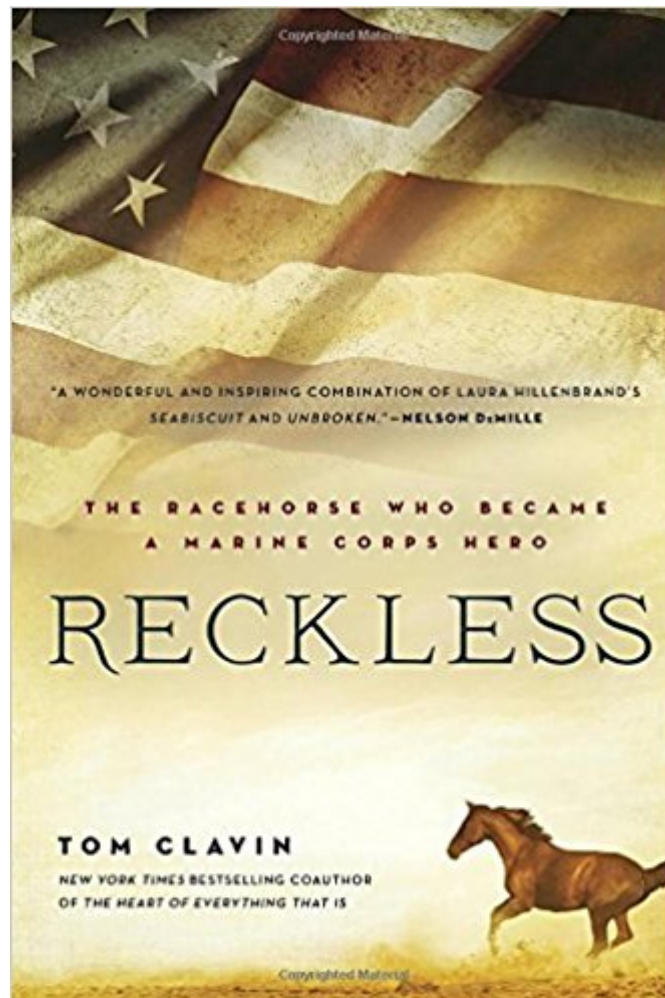




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# Reckless: The Racehorse Who Became A Marine Corps Hero



## Synopsis

From the New York Times' bestselling coauthor of *The Heart of Everything That Is*, comes the unlikely story of a racehorse who truly became a war hero, beloved by the Marine Corps and decorated for bravery. Her Korean name was Ah-Chim-Hai—Flame-of-the-Morning. A four-year-old chestnut-colored Mongolian racehorse, she once amazed the crowds in Seoul with her remarkable speed. But when war shut down the tracks, the star racer was sold to an American Marine and trained to carry heavy loads of artillery shells across steep hills under a barrage of bullets and bombs. The Marines renamed her Reckless. Reckless soon proved fearless under fire, boldly marching alone through the fiery gauntlet, exposed to explosions and shrapnel. On some of her uphill treks, Reckless shielded human reinforcements. The Chinese, soon discovering the bravery of this magnificent animal, made a special effort to kill her. But Reckless never slowed. As months passed, the men came to appreciate her not just as a horse but as a fellow Marine.

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Tom Clavin's books include the national bestselling titles Halsey Typhoon, The Last Stand of Fox Company, Last Men Out, and The Heart of Everything That Is (all written with Bob Drury); as well as sports titles Roger Maris, Gil Hodges (both written with Danny Peary), and The DiMaggios. His work has appeared in the New York Times, Men's Journal, Reader's Digest, Smithsonian Magazine, and Parade. He resides in Sag Harbor, New York.

She was a horse of a lifetime - literally for the many servicemen she saved. She earned this wonderful literary tribute, the great respect of her rank and retirement by comrades who refused to leave her behind after the war and the breathtaking sculpture recently erected at Quantico Marine Museum in VA. Anyone who has ever spent any time at all with horses (God bless every one of them!) will be in awe of this little mare's calm courage under fire and her ability to understand and complete her job on the front line in Korea.

Great photos and a great story

A detailed, moving account of the battles that helped to end the Korean War, this is a story of the inhumanity and humanities of war. It is about a very special horse and the love and loyalty she gave and received from men who needed a hero. The courage & loyalty shown by all of them will move you.

I was not really interested in all the military history, but enjoyed all the parts on the Korean people & Reckless! She was quite some horse!!

My husband has the tattoo of Reckless as he served in Korea. So I wanted to read the whole story of this wonderful horse and see the photos. Did a report on it for my local book club. It was heart touching and personal for me.

Fabulous book!!!

great story

Great! I loved this book! I can't believe we all haven't heard about this wonderful horse before! They

should keep her memory alive! She was a real Hero!

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