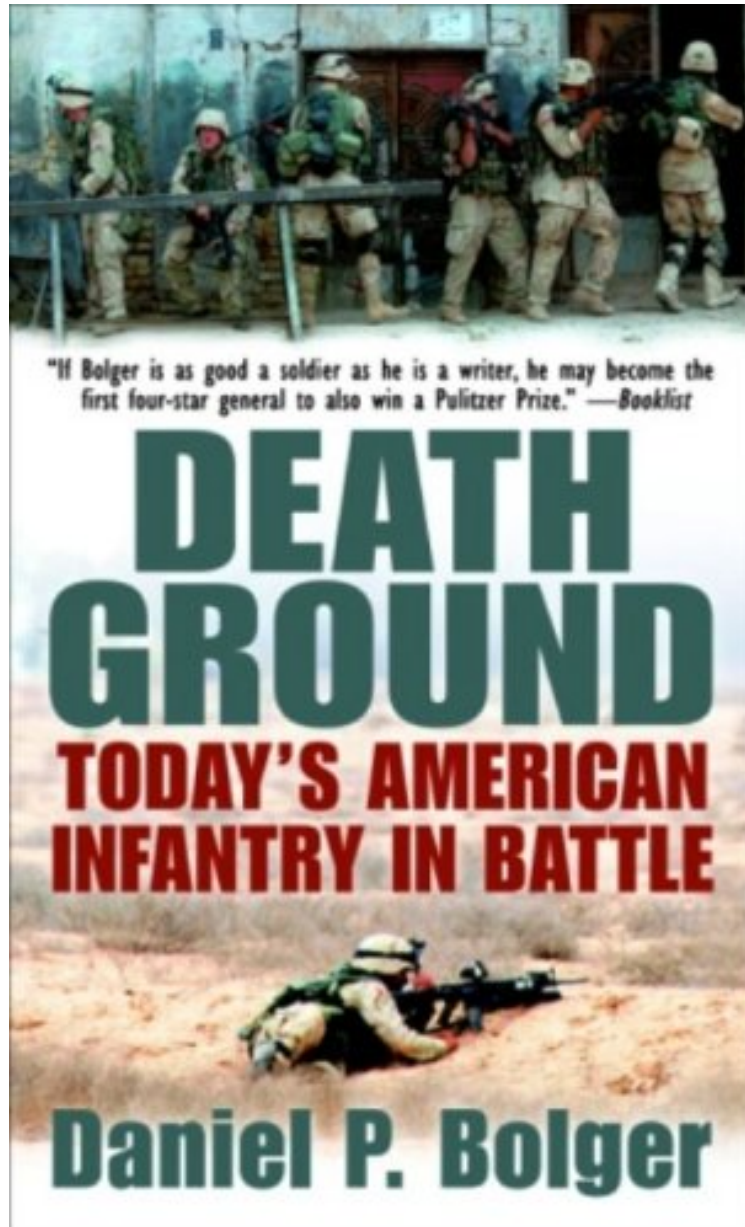


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Von Daniel P. Bolger : Death Ground: Today's American Infantry in Battle before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Death Ground: Today's American Infantry in Battle:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Read 'N Heed!Von H.A. GillDisregard the Kerkus review and read the book. This is not a book written for a PC audience, but

rather a book to be read and used by professional soldiers. The jargon comes with the territory, and at least Colonel Bolger didn't resort to the usual salty language that characterizes infantry service. As Lord Wellington allegedly once said, "One's perspective on the battlefield is determined by how close one is to the muskets." Having read the book, I believe that Colonel Bolger has given an accurate and informative view of the present day US Army infantryman and their world. Contrary to the popular jokes and perceptions, the infantryman is plenty smart and tough. They are the ones who do their duty and keep going until they are either killed or wounded. Laugh at that at your own peril. Low pay, low morale, Gulf War Syndrome, etc., are all interesting and critical topics, but not in this book. Keep your eyes on Colonel Bolger; he'll be a general someday, and a damned good one. We were cadets together and I have watched his career from afar. I always thought that he was too smart to stay in this racket, but he's stayed with it and will hopefully change it for the good. Me, I took my fighting and wars to other locations since I could no longer take the US Army's shilling to do the US Army's work. In the end, perhaps it's not the critic, but the one who stays and guts it out that makes the difference.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. another excellent work
Von Ein Kunde
I enjoyed reading this book especially about what this senior Army infantry colonel said about the USMC. I thought that the book was a better review of Marine Corps Planning, capabilities and traditions than "The Making of the Corps". The notes at the end of the chapters are as interesting as the text. I hope TR Fehrenbach who is alive and living in Texas doesn't mind the use of his quote "Infantrymen really have no place in polite civil society". I am remembering this quote from memory as I can't find my copy of "This Kind of War as It is always being borrowed by friends. But I am sure that TRF who is quoted and epigramed with attribution by Bolger in past books would think this is a wonderful book about the Legions that we would need when he wrote his book back in 1963. I found the book showed how the use of maneuver is no longer just nice but necessary as we must make do with less and do more. The book should certainly be added to the USMC Commandant's reading list. Bravo Zulu to Colonel Bolger

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I think your rules on Publication are biased
Von Ein Kunde
I just read your rules which state that you should not attack another reviewer's opinions but when the review has official status, I think the rule should be Modified. There are people who may be unduly influenced because this was done by an official reviewer- the Kirkus review. I think that the type of person who would like this book who is interested in this subject will realize that this review was biased by a heavy dose of Liberal thought process. The very fact of its publisher- Presidio Press is condemnatory. It is to Army literature what the Naval institute Press is to Navy/Marine Corps Material. I am sure that the military professional will just ignore the reviewer's advice (Kirkus) but I hope that the book will be read by a larger audience. We must not lecture to the choir only especially as the number of influential people (the Congress) continues to have fewer and fewer people who have been to the circus-combat. Also one man's Jingoism is another man's patriotism. Semper Fidelis

Kurzbeschreibung
An informative and thought-provoking history of recent infantry operations with reasoned glimpses of its possible future.
DR. SHAWN WHETSTONE Military Heritage
This is [Colonel Bolgers] most significant work to date, important both for students of the contemporary U.S. Army and for general readers even those normally uninterested in military affairs. Bolger documents the infantry's change over the past sixty years from a mass force of citizen soldiers to a small body of elite professionals. He presents each currently existing type of infantry: paratroopers, air assault, mechanized, light, rangers, and marines. . . . In each case study, Bolger emphasizes the quality and preparation, making it quite clear that will without skill and motivation without competence are certain routes to disaster. . . . While praising today's infantry as the best the country has ever fielded, Bolger raises the prospect that the U.S. military, by emphasizing technology and economy, will leave the country with an elite infantry too small to sustain heavy losses and too specialized to be quickly replaced.

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DEATH GROUND
Today's American Infantry in Battle
From the Paperback edition.
From Kirkus
A rambling, jingoistic account of the various adventures of America's ground infantry, by a US army colonel and infantry brigade commander with a doctorate in history from the University of Chicago (Savage Peace: Americans at War in the 1990s, 1995). Bolger uses the various military operations of the recent past (Panama, Somalia, the Gulf War) to look at the forms of infantry and the ways in which they have served in combat. With chapters such as "Death from Above" (on paratroopers) and "Hell on Wheels" (motorized infantry), each looking at a different form of combat, Bolger fires military jargon so rapidly that few who have not graduated West Point will understand. Worse than the jargon is the fact that not until the very end of the book does the author do much to analyze how each form of combat is relevant to the broader mission of the military. Instead, he glories in the details of various military exploits and cheerleads the American forces ("Colonel John Sylvesters Tigers demonstrated armored warfare at the doctoral level, administering a series of hard lessons to Iraqis on the receiving end"). Bolger does little to look at the less glorious challenges facing today's infantry: challenges like limited pay, health risks (such as Gulf War Syndrome), and cutbacks in the military. Instead, the author offers detailed descriptions of the wide array of weapons available to his "grunts." And he occasionally, but all too rarely, offers an exciting look at battle conditions, as he does for the Gulf War. Too much jargon for the layperson, too

trivial for the amateur battlefield historian. (photos, not seen) -- Copyright 1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen If Bolger is as good a soldier as he is a writer, he may become the first four-star general to also win a Pulitzer Prize. Booklist Infantry conjures many images: uncomfortable conditions, savage close combat, constant patrols, and the thousand-mile stare. Our popular media gives the impression that the wonders of precision weapons can win wars without subjecting the soldiers of modern militaries to these conditions The American way of war has always emphasized sending bullets, not men, a historical structure that continues in the current force structure. . . . Bolgers choice of operations illustrates two key points; first, that modern warfare has not made the infantry obsolete, and second, even very contemporary military history can be quite valuable in contemplating future combat. DR. SHAWN WHETSTONE Military Heritage From the Paperback edition.