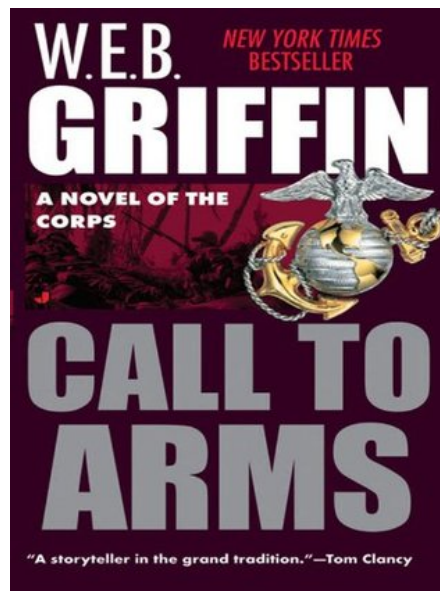




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The attack on Pearl Harbor swept America into the raging heart of the war. The stormy South Pacific presented a daring new challenge, and the men of the Corps were ready to fight. An elite fraternity united by a glorious tradition of courage and honor, the Marine Raiders were bound to a triumphant destiny. Now, the bestselling author of the acclaimed BROTHERHOOD OF WAR saga continues the epic story begun in *Semper Fi*. A story of lovers and fighters, leaders and heroes--the men of the United States Marine Corps...

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Christopher says

An excellent follow-up to Semper Fi. I like how this expanding story is about the characters and not solely about the war. In fact, the war just happens to be a backdrop for the real action, which is the development of Ken, Ernie, Pick and Company...A fun, quick read!

J.W. Thompson says

Read this book years ago----love all of this authors books

Gail Jernigan says

Griffin does it again

I love Mr Griffin's books, especially the ones about WWII. His Corps books are excellent and The Call to Arms is one off his better ones, if that is possible. He provides the history of the moment while using fiction to bring the story alive. I highly recommend this book.

John Wood says

I got so lost in this book and its characters. Griffin knows his subject. Getting ready to read #3 Counterattack.

Tim says

An excellent book. Number two in the series, giving me more historical knowledge about the immediate aftermath of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. I appreciate the way in which WEB Griffin writes these books to both entertain and inform. I will now start on the third book!

Freda Malone says

Anytime you read a Griffin novel, he's going to get 'technical' with regards to the military and its weapons, military speak, and terms. His footnotes often help if you're not sure what the terms mean. I enjoy these types of novels because I am a military brat. I can relate to the emotions of Western Union telegrams of the injured or casualties to the families.

This series is focused on Pick, McCoy, Banning, and some other characters who wind their way around the world with their billets and orders to rank up and with purpose. The relationships between these friends are

endlessly chaotic when apart, but eventually they gain the momentum of caring, sharing and a bond that keeps them together. There is much to learn about these characters and I really love them all when I read these books.

These novels may not be good for civilians who have no knowledge of the military and are looking for an easier read. This one was a good one but I've found I need to slow down to fully enjoy the story.

Michelle says

Call to Arms picks up where the last left off, and leads us through the events after Pearl Harbor. A little slower than Semper Fi, we find McCoy in San Diego and Pick in Pensacola for the majority of the story. Griffin's research is top-notch, and the details around the military training, strategies and maneuvers really help the series come to life. These books leave me wanting to read more about the US role in WWII, so I will forgive the cheesy depictions of relationships and the eye-rolling dialogue that often comes out of the women's mouths. Another good installment in the series.

Taya says

This is the 4th time I've read this book and it keeps getting better and better. I love the characters, the story mixed with the facts of the second world War is fantastic. I'm only in my late 30s and don't know much about the war but I know enough. My dad introduced me to this author and I've read almost all his books. This series is my second favorite. Ken McCoy and Malcolm Pickering are so different but are the best of friends who met at Quantico in Semper Fi. Their story continues in this book along with a few other characters. It deals with how The Raiders got started and also about Malcolm 'Pick', going to flight training. I'm not good with describing how good this novel is but to give you an idea, I usually read romance and this is far from romance as you can get. Of course there is a little romance but it is so minor compared to the complexity of the main story of the Corps. I hope that helps and urges you to read a wonderful literary masterpiece!

Brett says

Griffin's narrative & character description flow easily, colorfully, content is well researched & believable -> I recommend reading both books "Semper Fi" (book-1) + "Call to Arms" (book-2) together.

Spenser says

4.25 stars ~ So refreshing to go back through the older Griffin books (The Corps series was launched in the 1980s). Those that lament the newer books (including me), basically written by Griffin Jr, really should start with this Marine Corp series and the Army series (Brotherhood of War). These series can be started with any book, as Griffin generally reiterates a lot of character background. That being said, I think you'd enjoy these and appreciate them more if you read them in order. The books are generally long, historic fiction in nature, and they can get somewhat technical(but not overly technical if you are interested in WW2+ military reads). The cast of characters are what make the stories enjoyable / entertaining and educational.

Matthew says

loved it

Ronald Wise says

American World War II action — both at home and in the Pacific — from December 1941 through August 1942. The non-fiction prolog is critical to understanding much of the dialog in the novel. A military theorist having presidential pull results in the creation and use of special forces of the U.S. Corps called the Marine Raiders. This is the story behind their controversial creation and their first action on a small Pacific island. I later learned that this was the second of the ten-book *Corps Series*, but reading the first was not necessary to appreciate this one. This book was recommended by librarian Nancy Pearl in the "World War II Fiction" recommendations of *Book Lust*, and was seconded by my appreciation of the author's later book *Death and Honor*, of his *Honor Bound Series*.

Bjoern says

As nice as the first volume of this series. Honest Story of a Marine that does not do the stuff we've already read a million times about, loyal but not hyper-patriotic, very pleasant to read!

Kellie says

I am trying really hard to like these books. The theme of this series is wartime, WWII in the Pacific. The characters are military men and the women in their life. The story takes place in the US for the most part in Florida, California, New York and Washington. I like the story line and some of the characters, however, I am not sure I like the author's style.

First, some of the military reference in the book is so technical, I find myself skipping over it. It does not really interest me and I wonder what value it is adding to the plot.

The other thing that really annoys me is the author will skip time and move people around and you don't find out until they appear. A few times I ask myself, how did he get here? It is confusing because I always think I missed something. When I go back, however, I realize the author has skipped time and things have happened he hasn't told us about. He never tells us. We're just suppose to assume the character jumped on a plane and arrived at his/her destination a few days ago and all is right in the world. Maybe the author does it to shorten the book but I find it extremely frustrating.

I'm still thinking about whether or not I'm going to read the next book in this series. I am wondering what happens to some of the characters and their relationships, but is the suspense enough for me to buy the next book? I'm still wondering...

Jc says

His very informed description of the USMC is always interesting but nothing much happens in this book. And his characters are a bit too perfect to be credible.
