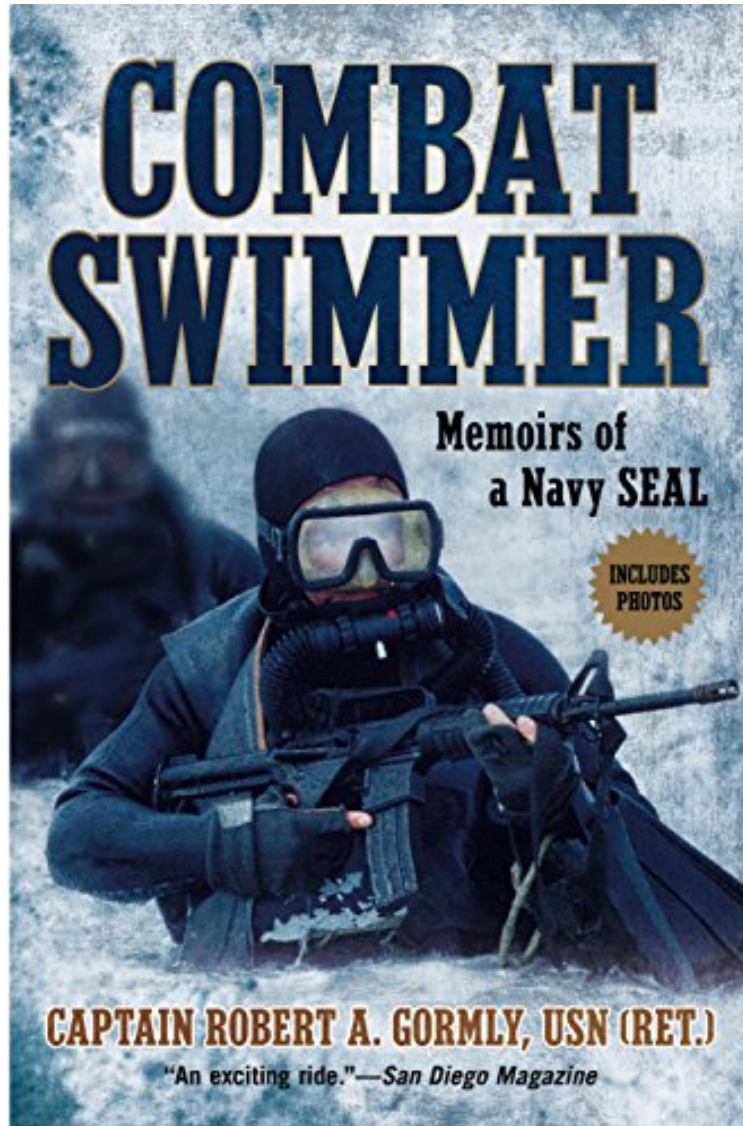


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interessieren, kann ich die beiden Bücher von Richard Marcinko "Rogue Warrior" und "Red Cell" sowie die beiden Bücher von Plasterer "SOG" und "Secret Commandos" wärmstens empfehlen. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A level above all previous SEAL/Spec Ops books Von frogfather@aol.com (Chris Bent) Bob Gormly's biography on his 30 years in the SEAL community brought me closer to the real thing than any prior book. His experiences are in more detail and better written than most, giving you an insight into this man and the SEAL community. It is exciting, it flows, and covers so much more ground than other books. The political/bureaucratic environment in which he had to maneuver is made so real and human. Mistakes and tragedies acknowledged firsthand, with a feeling you are there and can understand. The Marcinko myth is given some real perspective that we all needed to hear. This a great book about a great guy and hero, as all who put themselves at risk are. Couldn't put it down. A must read for all young men considering Special Operations. I waited a long time to find a book like this. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is a great book. Von Jason Fraga It takes a special person to make it through the rigors of BUD/S Training alone. Robert Gormly did just that and then went on to have a highly decorated career spanning 29 years in the Navy SEALs. Combat Swimmer is an excellent read for anyone interested in Naval Spec Ops. Gormly offers a captivating story to the reader at all times. His accounts of sitting neck-deep in the canals of the Rung Sat Secret Zone truly make you feel as if you are one of the operators along for the ride with him. His narrative blend of both action and bureaucratic issues give a wide picture of what the SEALs were all about. This is a tough book to put down at night, and I highly recommend it.

Kurzbeschreibung For the first time in trade paperback—a classic memoir of Navy SEALs in action. In gripping prose, Captain Robert A. Gormly tells about his days as a leader in the Navy SEALs—taking readers into the night, into the water, and into battle on some of the most hair-raising missions ever assigned. Trained to a fine fighting edge just in time for Vietnam, Gormly served two tours of duty and engaged in top-secret missions in the Persian Gulf. Here, he shares his viewpoint and his experience—including what is perhaps the most graphic description ever of SEAL action in the invasion of Grenada. Gormly takes readers behind the myth of this awesome team, revealing how their lives depend on their unprecedented expertise and unparalleled courage. From Publishers Weekly This book is at once a memoir, a history and a warning. Gormly has been part of the SEAL community virtually since its emergence. In Vietnam as a junior officer, he met the absence of strategic policy with a tactical approach: killing as many Viet Cong as possible. Even in retrospect, Gormly concludes that the most effective U.S. approach might have been attacking the enemy's infrastructure by eliminating the "cadres" who spread and enforced Communist ideology by terrorist means. The limited political sophistication of this approach is suggestive, particularly in the context of Gormly's progress through the Navy's special operations system from 1968 to his assignment as commander of SEAL Team 6 in 1983. When Gormly relieved the notorious Richard Marcinko, he inherited a unit that had made a policy of pushing envelopes and ignoring rules. His description of the intraservice politics involved in taming the organization without breaking its morale is as good as anything in print on the challenge of maintaining effective special operations forces in the contexts of a democratic system. His account of the 1985 capture of the Achille Lauro's hijackers reveals a delicate balance of roles and responsibilities in managing doctrine and training considerations, tactical issues and policy questions. Gormly is no knight without fear and reproach in the mold of Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan. He is a warrior for the working day, not always right and not always wise. But in a harsh world, it will comfort many to know that men with Gormly's spirit, character and patriotism wear this country's uniform. 8 pages of bw photos, not seen by PW. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus s Captain Gormly, USN (Ret.), a much-decorated, high-ranking SEAL who served for all of 29 years in this elite, secret arm of the navy, recalls his high-risk tours of duty in Vietnam, Granada, the Persian Gulf, and the suspense-filled mission to capture the hijackers of the Achille Lauro. Operating in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam, he and his superbly trained fellow warriors beat the terrorist Viet Cong guerrillas at their own game partly because, as Gormly tells it, the SEALs saw water as a haven, not an obstacle; with the help of their excellent equipment, they could stay submerged safely for many hours. And Gormly believes that the SEAL experience in Vietnam can be seen as a microcosmic symbol of the greater US effort that fought the wrong kind of war: a battle of attrition waged according to the advice of military leaders who failed to understand that they were facing a political-military conundrum. To explain the conundrum, he likens the communist attempt at world domination to a giant lizard. The lizard's head represents the small group of dedicated communists who formed the political infrastructure, while its tail suggests the communist military force, filled with average people political but forced to fight by terror or coercion. Our mistake, Gormly writes, was to cut off the tail of the lizard (which then merely grew another tail) while failing to destroy the head, the infrastructure. The far more successful communist strategy was to outlast the Americans, who would tire and go home after losing 58,000 soldiers. Gormly can't forget the picture of Jane Fonda posing with a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft battery that had shot down a US plane. Nor can he forgive the US pardoning of draft dodgers who objected to the war. His riposte: Even dutiful combat soldiers also object to war as did the patriotic author. A candid and unflinching military memoir. (8 pages bw photos) (Author tour) --

