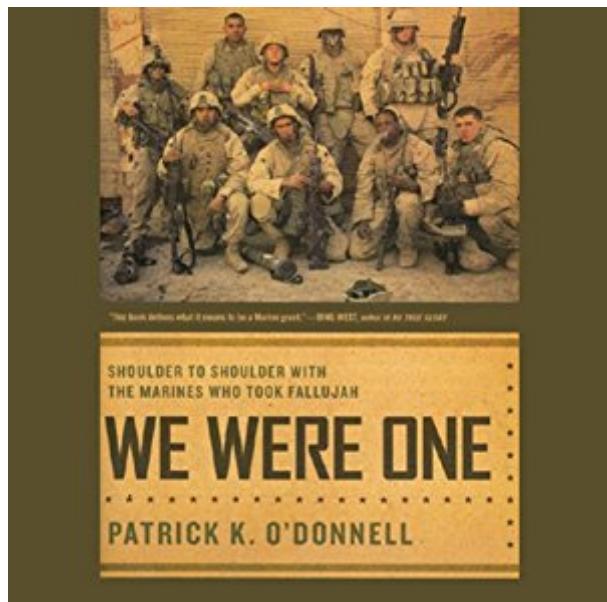


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# We Were One: Shoulder-to-Shoulder With The Marines Who Took Fallujah



## **Synopsis**

Five months after being deployed to Iraq, Lima Company's 1st Platoon became one of the first American forces to enter Fallujah. Author Patrick O'Donnell stood shoulder to shoulder with them. This is their story. --This text refers to the MP3 CD edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I was a member of 3/1 in the late 70's and was discharged from the Marine Corps in 1990 after recovering from injuries incurred in Beirut. I have spent most of my life reading military history and first hand accounts of combat and have experienced it myself. This book is one of the best I have ever read. All Marines, historians and those who want to know what Marines are like in combat and what combat is like in Iraq should read this book. Kudos to the author for going through what so few else would do to get the story first hand. My only regret is that as in Vietnam these men were misused by politicians who themselves would never make the ultimate sacrifice for others.

This book is incredible. And no, that isn't an overstatement. O'Donnell isn't going to win any awards for his writing talents---his allegories are like stale Stephen King at best---but the story alone sells this book and made it (for me at least) the first read in a very long time that I just simply couldn't put down. It made me 1. Proud to be an American 2. Sorrowful for the soldiers who experienced this battle 3. Reconfirm my hatred for Islamic extremists 4. Understand the petty manipulation of our media concerning the Iraq war and quite possibly more than anything... 5. Ashamed for not serving my country. God Bless America----and God Bless the Marines

As a mother of a Marine, who is currently deployed in Al Anbar province, I wanted to read this book to see if I could get some insight regarding what my son is going through everyday. Sadly Mr.O'Donnell did not disappoint me. I say sadly because it was very real and I could picture my son in every one of the Marines Mr. O'Donnell immortalized. He painted a very clear and honest picture of who these young men are, how they felt, and how the daily activities they faced impacted them. I must say that at times it was a little too honest for me; the language was little rough, remember I am a Marine Mom, not a Marine. After reading this book I felt as though I knew each of these young men and I said another prayer of thanksgiving for their bravery and sacrifices. Although it was a hard story to read I am glad I read it. I am very proud of these young men and even more committed to the job that needs to be finished. I am just sorry it is true.

I just finished reading your book, "We Were One" and wanted to share my thoughts with you. Being a female in my mid twenties who had a hard time sitting through the war scenes in "Forest Gump", I NEVER would have read a book of this nature. The only reason that I picked it up is because one of my truly dearest friends, Corporal "Jack Rabbit" Roberts is in it. Corporal Roberts once told me that he was in Fallujah. Being the naive and sometimes ignorant person that I am, I had no idea what that meant. In fact, I hadn't even followed the war because I didn't agree with it. All I knew about the war was what I heard on the news. This past summer, Justin and I became very close friends. When he told me he was in a book, of course I felt compelled to read it. I put it off for a while but finally last week I picked up a copy. I read through it in 3 days. It brought me to tears while opening my eyes. How could I have been so ignorant about the war and what my very good friend had gone through (he never talked to me about what he had done)? Men my own age (at the time) were fighting and experiencing things that never in my wildest nightmares could I imagine. I want to thank every Marine for what he has done. You have made me proud. I want to thank Pat O'Donnell for writing this book. Right now, having just closed the back cover, I feel like it has changed my view of the world- my world in particular. I have this sudden urge to do everything I can to support our troops and to let them know that they are appreciated and honored. I also want to thank Pat for giving me the opportunity to understand what my dear friend had to endure and still struggles with today. Marines, you truly have moved and inspired me. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

"We Were One" Shoulder to shoulder with the Marines who took Fallujah is an objective, real time report on Lima Co. 3/1's assault on Fallujah. The author, through great personal sacrifice and

danger, takes you into a battle so ferocious with house to house fighting that has not been witnessed since Stalingrad. Patrick O'Donnell keeps with his style of telling it from the veterans point of view as he did with his other books, Beyond Valor, Into the Rising Sun and Operatives, Spies and Saboteurs. In this book, he does it in real time witnessing the battle himself, then recording it each night in the "safe houses" he and the Marines hunkered down in while AC-130U gunships circled, firing cannon and minigun to keep the Islamofascists at bay all night long. I read his other books, I've lived WWII through the eyes, hearts and minds of the veterans of the European and Pacific theaters. Now I have lived it real time from the Marines on the front line of a battle that joins the ranks of Marine Corps historical lore. This is a book for those who appreciate small unit tactics and close personal combat. These Marines did not have much armor support and had to do it the old fashioned way, even using Bangalore Torpedoes. It is a must read for all us armchair warriors.

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