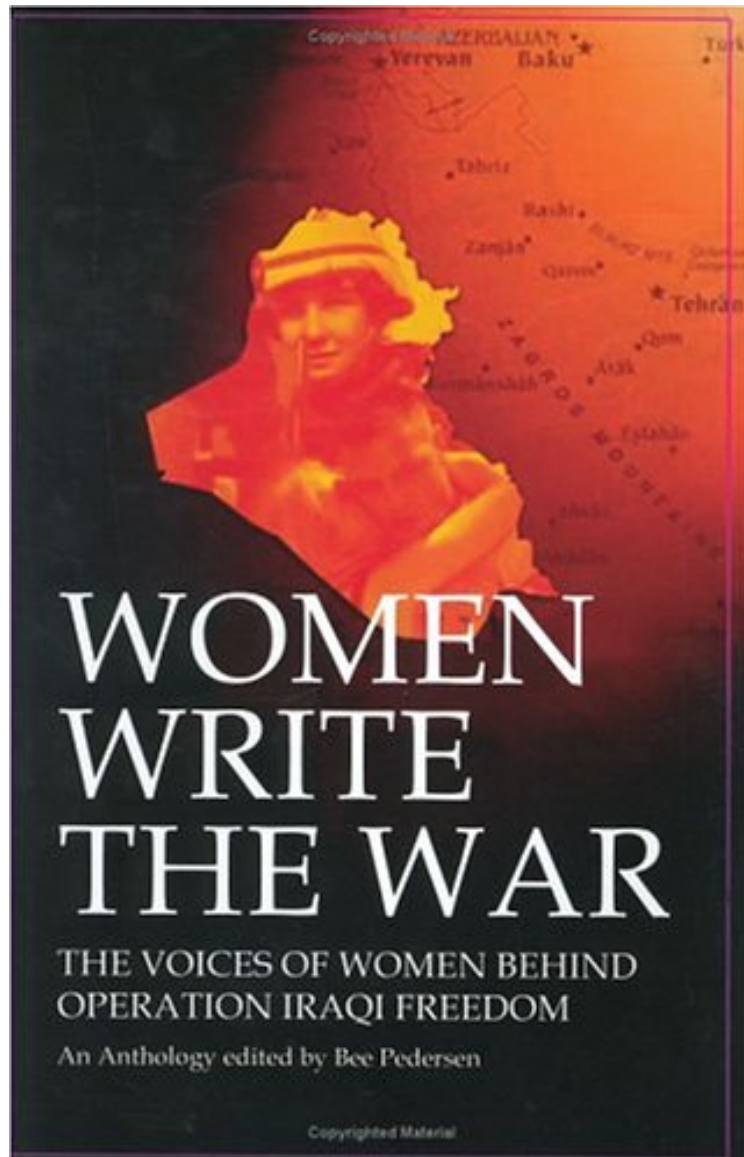


# Women Write the War: The Voices of Women Behind Operation Iraqi Freedom

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while a story comes along that captures your heart and opens your eyes to the real world. Ms Pedersen shows us that it's not all Wal-Mart and soccer games and renting your favorite movie on Friday night. The real world...the world of war is so much more. You sit with countless mothers by the telephone as they squirm in anticipation of the 5-minute phone call from a son that may or may not happen. Or you grieve openly with a newlywed who wonders how she will survive without her true love, her soulmate. Like it or not, you are there. It's real. I saw a soldier last night at the grocery store. He was in another aisle across from me but I mouthed the words "thank you" and I knew he needed no further explanation. In humble gratitude, he saluted. I doubt I would have felt the pride, the overwhelming gratitude before reading her book. Thank you Ms Pedersen. God Bless all of you. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. An Ultimate Sacrifice so Often Unacknowledged By Value Girl "Women Write the War" is a collection of heartrending, brave and forthright letters written by women who are living the ultimate sacrifice. These are the mothers, wives, daughters and friends that have sent their loved ones off to war so we can sleep peacefully each night. Unless a person has a loved one defending our country it is truly impossible to understand what everyday life is like for these people. The logistical nightmare of juggling children, schedules and jobs to accommodate the missing link in their lives not to mention the 'real life story' on the battlefield told by the soldiers themselves. The daily news reporting one of the recent tragedies of war sends shivers through their bodies not knowing if the casualties may include their loved ones. Not even Hollywood could produce such compelling stories of the lives these people are living as relayed through these letters. Bee Pedersen has opened my eyes and heart to a whole new level of honor, gratitude and respect for those who sacrifice much of their lives for our safety. I'm not a bumper sticker kinda gal, however, I'm now proudly sporting a yellow ribbon to help others remember our troops and Godspeed them home. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One Tough Critic-- and this moved me! By Strict Critic Often in our fast pace life, we fail to capture the meaning of what surrounds us, and what it means to have our freedom. Sometimes, we just simply forget or expect it to be there. Ms. Pedersen, helps us remember. As a tough critic and picky reader..... I was enlightening to read "truth" that brings you in and challenges ones' own reflection of life and who we are. Ms. Pedersen creatively captures the truth, the stories of what many of us face directly or indirectly ... and for even one moment, that important moment makes us reflect and appreciate the wonderful world we live in. You will enjoy the stories as they weave through experiences, emotions, and will acknowledge our fortune of what "freedom" really means! I hope you enjoy it as much as I have. A must read!

"Women Write the War, The Voices Behind Operation Iraqi Freedom" is a poignant anthology by the mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts who have experienced the agony of sending their loved ones off to war. They wait, with nervous anticipation for the unexpected knock at the door or a startling late night phone call telling them their son or daughter has been wounded or killed in action. The author, Bee Pederson, and the mother of a Soldier serving in Iraq in the war against global terrorism, has experienced such heartache firsthand. Determined to tell the public the other side of war and how women cope with the fear and loneliness of a son or a daughter or a lover living in mortal danger, she has collected the very best of dozens of the touching personal stories from these gallant women. With more than 50 women authors, 70 photos from the battlefield and at home, and 20 news reports from nationally recognized news bureaus, "Women Write the War" is a book that will inspire anyone who has even the slightest reflection or thought about this current war. It is a treasure; a remarkable work that allows the "women behind the Soldier" to tell their story, and, they are not afraid to tell it like it is. "Women Write the War" is a major contribution toward understanding the war in Iraq, and the men and women who fight it. Bee Pedersen has given us a work of awesome proportions.

"Bee Pedersen performs a great service for those who have yet to face these wounds of the heart." -- Robert O. Babcock, President, Americans Remembered, A partner with the Veterans History Project, Library of Congress "Women Write the War" certainly details the human cost of war in the families at home." -- Freida Werden, Producer, WINGS, Women's International News Gathering Service, Vancouver, BC "Women Write the War" the voice of the military woman who loves and waits alone ... with unspeakable fears..." -- Frank Schaeffer, Author, "Faith of Our Sons--A Father's Wartime Diary" Excellent idea brought to excellent completion! Well-written, total package, lacking nothing. ...timely work that will last. Very professionally done. -- Writer's Digest June 2005