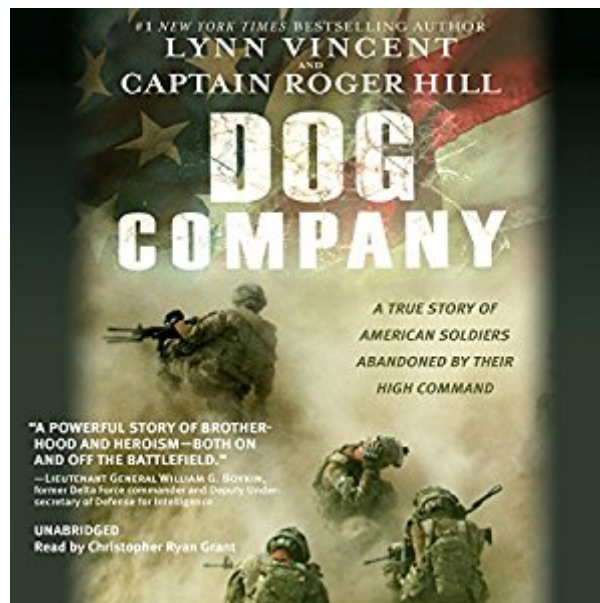




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# Dog Company: A True Story Of American Soldiers Abandoned By Their High Command



## Synopsis

The army does not want you to listen to this book. It does not want to advertise its detention system that coddles enemy fighters while putting American soldiers at risk. It does not want to reveal the new lawyered-up Pentagon war ethic that prosecutes US soldiers and marines while setting free spies who kill Americans. This very system ambushed Captain Roger Hill and his men. Hill, a West Point grad and decorated combat veteran, was a rising young officer who had always followed the letter of the military law. In 2007 Hill got his dream job: infantry commander in the storied 101st Airborne. His new unit, Dog Company, 1-506th, had just returned stateside from the hell of Ramadi. The men were brilliant in combat but unpolished at home, where paperwork and inspections filled their days. With tough love, Hill and his first sergeant, an old-school former drill instructor named Tommy Scott, turned the company into the top performers in the battalion. Hill and Scott then led Dog Company into combat in Afghanistan, where a third of their men became battlefield casualties after just six months. Meanwhile, Hill found himself at war with his own battalion commander, a charismatic but difficult man who threatened to relieve Hill at every turn. After two of his men died on a routine patrol, Hill and a counterintelligence team busted a dozen enemy infiltrators on their base in the violent province of Wardak. Abandoned by his high command, Hill suddenly faced an excruciating choice: follow army rules the way he always had, or damn the rules to his own destruction and protect the men he'd grown to love.

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## Customer Reviews

I couldn't put this book down from the moment I started reading it. Great story and a page-turner,

action starts from the very beginning. Had butterflies in my stomach during some of the missions, then got very angry at the lack of support for our infantry in combat and the rules that bind their hands. Also at the lack of due process afforded the brave men who prioritize the safety of their soldiers over politics. If you're a student of conflict, love true-to-life combat stories, are politically aware or conscious of the issues that affect the sons & daughters we send to war, or if you're just a proud American, then this book is for you.

A slew of unforgettable dramatic events extremely well documented from many accounts. Filled my memory gaps of such a crazy time. This should be required reading for all, especially officers. Sometimes we need reminded that we are on the same team and utmost trust should be given until PROVEN otherwise. A key example of how "facts" can be created and skewed with assumptions and rumor. The injustice that was done upon D Co, without proof or knowledge of the ground truth by those in air conditioned offices is one of the saddest things I've witnessed. Let there be no mistake, First Sergeant Scott is one of the most disciplined, role model soldiers and leaders I have met in my career, and CPT Hill was an incredible leader who undoubtedly protected his men from more wounded and killed from their higher's misguided direction.

Putting this book down was near impossible. As many have echoed, it spun a tremendous web of emotion around me. One thing struck me when I came to the end of the book, it was a passage from chapter 3 where Hill talks about them being "Currahees" the Cherokee word for "Stands Alone". I shook my head and realized how fitting this brigade's name was. The men from Dog Co. truly were standing alone. Miles/hours from anybody else, left to fend off an enemy that had infiltrated the system. Hill and Scott deeply care for these men, this is evident. The men of Dog Co cared for their commander and 1SG, the unit was Standing Alone in every sense of the word. I applaud the men of Dog Co. the 1-506, and all our fighting forces. As Scott said "tough times make tough men". Last little note, it was nice to see DeMartino had separated from the military. Guy seemed like an unapologetic gloryhound. Command really let Hill Scott and the men down on this one.

A preeminently lucid, compelling, accessible, and downright surprising story about the complexities of war in our time. My heart sank and my jaw dropped repeatedly. I cannot think of a book in recent memory that does more to elevate the importance of basic empathy, ethical decision-making, loyalty, duty, judgment, sacrifice, physical and moral courage in war. Sure, the book is action-packed and incredibly tragic, but you will swell with patriotism and pride when you realize the

characters, undeniably heroes, are real. By the end, you'll wish there are always Dog Companies ready to support and defend America. A must read for Soldiers interested in the suffering, confusion, exhaustion, fog, fear, and friction that pervade war.

Let me start out with I gave this a 4-star review and not a 5 because I found the layout of the book made it difficult to read. It jumped around to a degree I found it hard to follow. Having said that, the story is a 5, and very important for every American. I read a lot and I know a lot of Marines who have served and fought in Afghanistan and Iraq. I knew the rules of engagement and the 'modern warfare' was a challenge we didn't face to that degree in Vietnam. But the story of Dog Company and Captain Hill is tragic. Capturing enemy prisoners and having them released time and again; having big brother looking over your shoulder at every turn, and making criminals out of our soldiers and Marines is tragic. This is a book you read and weep. I know the Marine leader whose team pissed on the corpses in Iraq. I even helped him write his book, Into Infamy. His story is tragic, this one takes tragic to a new level. The next military troop reduction should come in the JAG offices. Lawyers on the battlefield is one of the more insane things I've ever heard of. We should either decide to fight a real war; or we should bring every single troop home from Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria and quit playing Hunger Games with our young men and women.

I found the book literally impossible to put down. The story is amazingly riveting and at the same time maddening. The CYA actions of non combat staff officers giving orders to those who put their lives on the line constantly is inexcusable. American soldiers should not have to fight under such ridiculous rules of engagement. A must read for anyone wondering what's going on in Afghanistan.

I had the privilege and honor to work under Cpt. Hill and 1st Scott on FOB Airborne. I'm glad the truth is out, this book tells everything that happened on FOB Airborne. I will never forget these two great leaders. To this day have kept in contact with a few of the soldiers in the book; Sgt. Pierce, SGT. Doyle, and Cpt. Hill. The book so far has been very well written, can't wait to continue reading. Currahee!

The narrative was exciting, interesting, and provocative, especially when you consider Roger Hill was Army family, I. E., a West Pointer. Took a lot of courage to author a subject like this, and I hope the message reaches other commanders like Roger's, who try to advance their careers with the blood and guts of the men they are supposed to lead. Hooray for Roger, and others like him!

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