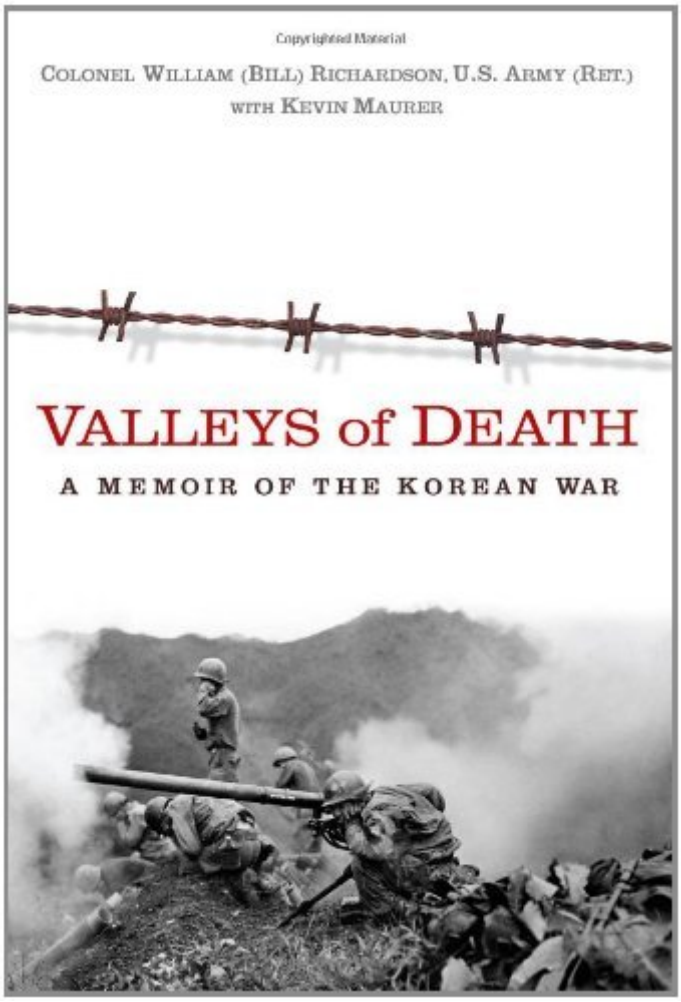
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Synopsis

"Richardson never pulls his punches in these vivid descriptions." --Publishers Weekly Caught in the Chinese counterattack at Unsan-one of the deadliest American battles of the Cold War Era-Colonel Bill Richardson led an Alamo like defense of the few survivors before being taken prisoner. The North Koreans marched them through sub-zero weather without food, shelter, or medical attention to the area known as Death Valley. Enduring torture designed to break the mind and body, Richardson remained strong enough to lead his fellow prisoners in resistance, sabotage, and new plans for escape.Valleys of Death is a stirring story of survival and determination, an intimate look at the soldiers who fought America’s first battle of the cold war in the unvarnished words of one of their own.

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Customer Reviews

Got to learn what prisoners when thru being held captive by North Korea. Awful people the Army of Korea and China’s Army’s

I had the privilege of serving under Bill Richardson. By far he was the best commander or manager in my 45 years of employment and service to my country. The book reaffirms my respect for him and our military.

Valley of Death is a great look into what the "forgotten war" (Korea) was all about. Seldom do people realize the volume and intensity of warfare that the Korean War produced and the influence the Chinese had in that war. The detainment portions of the book bring great insight to the savagery of communist ideals and treatment to fellow human beings. Great read.

Very good true account from a true hero. The Korean War was often underplayed both at the time and in present day. His experience is told just as you might hear it from a friend, without softening or fluff. Powerful and gripping.

I served under Col Richardson at Ft Bragg. Excellent, well written book to honor those who served and sacrificed in what is unfortunately for many a forgotten war.

Bill Richardson’s patriotism and unfaltering courage cannot be adequately described in a "quickie" book review such as this. One must read his story for themselves.I was in the service during the Korean War and this is one of the best books on the war that I’ve read to date. I am saddened to remember that so many, suffered so much, to be so easily forgotten. During its 3 year duration, what Truman would call a "Police Action" cost the lives of 3,000,000 people, including more than 35,000 Americans as well as 8,500 MIA.Though few recognize it, the Korean War was the precursor of the Vietnam War. The two conflicts, separated by a decade, were inextricably linked. Returning Korean War veterans were spat on and vilified too. Most Americans however, were apathetic toward them, as if they had never been gone. And now, to add insult to injury, it is reported that Ken Burns (producer of the Civil War series) has chosen to skip over the Korean War, one of America’s bloodiest conflicts, as if it were no more than a historical speed bump, and move on to the Vietnam War of which he plans to produce, what will surely be another of his excellent visual productions. Selective remembering appears easier for some than others.

I purchased this for my Son in law for Christmas (I know not a normal kind of Christmas gift!) lol but he had it on his Wish List!! He has already started reading it, and is very interested! It came a day earlier than expected too!!

I have not finished this book but I felt compelled to write a review. I am at the section where the writer is a POW... that is all I will say so I wont ruin it for others.This book is exactly what I have been looking for. I wanted to read the stories of the Men and Women who were there. Not the breakdown of the logistics of the war but those who served. I would love to be able to sit down with a Man like the writer and spend a day listening to his stories but since I cant this book is a great account of what Hell these men endured. I am ashamed that I never paid close attention to past wars and our American History much until recently. I have also felt a sense of pride being an American and have felt a deep desire to honor our men and women in the Military, but I had no idea how much they really suffered. They suffered for me.I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you for writing this book and for helping people like myself understand more of what it really was like.God Bless our Military, those who support them..

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