

# Outside The Wire: American Soldiers' Voices From Afghanistan

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A riveting collection of thirty-eight narratives by American soldiers serving in Afghanistan, *Outside the Wire* offers a powerful evocation of everyday life in a war zone. Christine Dumaine Leche—a writing instructor who left her home and family to teach at Bagram Air Base and a forward operating base near the volatile Afghan-Pakistani border—encouraged these deeply personal reflections, which demonstrate the power of writing to battle the most traumatic of experiences. The soldiers whose words fill this book often met for class with Leche under extreme circumstances and in challenging conditions, some having just returned from dangerous combat missions, others having spent the day in firefights, endured hours in the bitter cold of an open guard tower, or suffered a difficult phone conversation with a spouse back home. Some choose to record momentous events from childhood or civilian life—events that motivated them to join the military or that haunt them as adults. Others capture the immediacy of the battlefield and the emotional and psychological explosions that followed. These soldiers write through the senses and from the soul, grappling with the impact of moral complexity, fear, homesickness, boredom, and despair. We each, writes Leche, require witnesses to the narratives of our lives. *Outside the Wire* creates that opportunity for us as readers to bear witness to the men and women who carry the weight of war for us all. Publisher: University of Virginia Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Outside the Wire: American Soldiers' Voices from Afghanistan Pages: 00176 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00176 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2013-04-08 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780813934112 Age: 18-UP Reading Level: 13-UP Lib Category: United States - Armed Forces Lib Category: United States - Armed Forces - Military life Category: Biography & Autobiography : Personal Memoirs

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