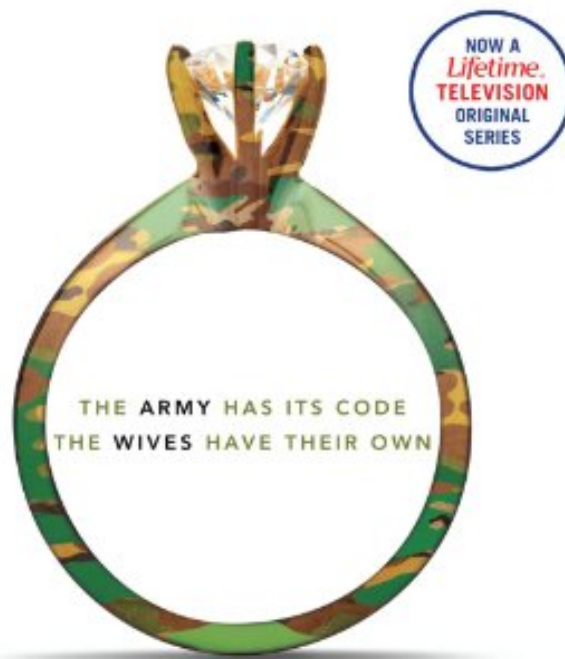


Army Wives: The Unwritten Code of Military Marriage

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Tanya Biank : Army Wives: The Unwritten Code of Military Marriage before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Army Wives: The Unwritten Code of Military Marriage:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Life-Saving Investigation By Theresa Owen I cried a lot while reading this book. The television show does not come close to the book, nor how we Army wives lived. I knew these women, this place, this time . . . this fear. This book is not really about military life, but rather the authors' investigations into the many deaths of family members that took place following the first deployment to Afghanistan.

There have been many similar deaths since then, but only Tanya really investigated and tried to find connections. The women here are so different, from girls who married too early to escape a difficult life at home to women who have put in a full military career with their husband, then endured sending a son to serve as well. The book touches on the consequences of men being convinced that their girl will not be faithful through Jody Calls (marching songs) and rumor mills, who come home looking for proof to match their worst suspicions. Tanya Biank caught on early that there is something different going on here to cause so many soldiers to come home and kill their wives, children and/or themselves with such insane violence. After reading one passage about how many times one soldier stabbed his wife, I counted out the dozens of times as I pounded the table for each stab true madness! The military has since put into place measures to prevent post-deployment violence, and I think we can credit this book to encouraging that, but those measures are not near enough. Investigation of the cause of such animosity and violence that has become common in all branches needs to take place by an independent party so that this is no longer swept under the rug. We cannot fix this problem if we continue to ignore its existence. Sincere thanks to Tanya Biank's work and service. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Interesting book! By H. Painter I play the clarinet in a community band that supports the military, and I watched the Army Wives show on Netflix, so I was interested to see how the show compares to the book. The book centers around the murder of 4 army wives in a 6 week period in 2002. The show didn't talk about the murders at all, but a lot of the elements in the book are infused into the show. The author did a great job of profiling the women who are the main characters of the book. The characters in the show are somewhat similar to the characters in the book, but there are differences (I won't spoil it!). All in all, it was an interesting read! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Maybe read before you watch the TV Series By A. Hager If you are buying this because you loved the TV Shows Army Wives, I suggest you just keep moving on. Rewatch the show on Netflix because the book will let you down. Had I read it before I ever saw the show, I may have liked it a little more, but honestly that is the only reason I gave it 3 stars.

Army Wives goes beyond the sound bites and photo ops of military life to bring readers into the hearts and homes of today's military wives. Biank tells the story of four typical Army wives who, in a flash, find themselves in extraordinary circumstances that ultimately force them to redefine who they are as women and wives. This is a true story about what happened when real life collided with army convention. Army Wives is a groundbreaking narrative that takes the reader beyond the Army's gates, taking a close look at the other woman the Army itself and how its traditions, rules and war-time realities deeply impact marriage and home life.

From Publishers Weekly In this insider's account of the sometimes-lethal strains that military life puts on families, Biank, an award-winning journalist and the daughter of a career army officer, finds much to admire in military spouses. She follows the lives of four women at Fort Bragg, N.C., home of the 82nd Airborne Division: the wife of a high-ranking officer who adds luster to her husband's career with her own polish; a senior noncommissioned officer's wife who ambivalently watches her son follow in his father's footsteps; a woman who falls in love with an enlisted man early in his career and struggles with balancing army demands with her own needs; and a former soldier who finds that the counterterrorist operative she married may be just as dangerous to her as he is to terrorists. Though her prose is sometimes clunky and some of the history feels a bit dated, Biank's novelistic sense of detail and suspense vividly demonstrates how "the Army... could bring couples closer together... or it could rip relationships apart." Army wives cope with unpredictable deployments and struggle to raise children alone, often on small paychecks, in a community both tightknit and sharply judgmental. "Army wives serve, too," says Biank in an institution ambivalent about families. She makes sympathetic both their pride and their tragedies. (Feb.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist The author of this provocative portrait of modern army wives is herself an army wife and comes from an army family. That combination of experience and insight enhances the value of the book's depiction of the army-family community. Basically, army wives these days are more often than not educated professionals but are expected to function enmeshed in a unique hierarchy very different from anything in civilian life. Moreover, they are far more frequently required to move house and home than civilian wives, and their risk of suddenly becoming widows is constant. For this the army has established support networks, but again, those are sui generis. Overall, Biank furnishes a detailed reminder, if any is needed, that the military is still a hierarchical subculture dominated by male values that imposes a considerable burden on those semi-innocent quasi bystanders, army wives. A good choice for military collections of any size. Frieda Murray Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved ...a timely look at the impact of combat and military life on the families the soldiers leave behind. The Washington Post Army Wives captivates readers with an up close and personal look into the 'real' everyday lives and challenges of Army spouses. Kudos to Ms. Biank for portraying each spouse's story with such heartfelt compassion. Victoria M. Parham, Host of Military Spouse Talk Radio Tanya Biank has written a stunningly detailed, eye-opening account of what it is really like to be an Army wife. Army Wives demonstrates that while it is tough to be a soldier, it can be even tougher to be the wife of a soldier. Army Wives should be required reading for every military spouse and all those who are considering marrying into the military. Ron

Martz , Military affairs correspondent, Atlanta Journal-Constitution and co-author of *Heavy Metal: A Tank Company's Battle to Baghdad* Tanya Biank captures the atmosphere of military living and the pressure brought to bear on young wives to measure up as partners in their husbands' careers. . . In reading this detailed and insightful book we receive some hope in the fact that the military administration has recognized and has taken steps to support both husbands and wives in the future. Ann Jordan Klunder, National President, The Society of Daughters of the United States Army Biank's novelistic sense of detail and suspense vividly demonstrates how the Army could bring couples closer together or it could rip relationships apart.' Army wives cope with unpredictable deployments and struggle to raise children alone, often on small paychecks, in a community both tightknit and sharply judgmental. Army wives serve, too,' says Biank in an institution ambivalent about families. She makes sympathetic both their pride and their tragedies. Publishers Weekly Biank has strong credentials for understanding and explaining army culture: in addition to having been a military reporter, she is the daughter and wife of army officers. Her very readable and thoughtful book delves into a rarely studied segment of the army. Library Journal Biank has created a vivid picture of life today as a military spouse. Kirkus sTanya Biank's experience as a reporter has produced a candid and detailed study of her subjects and a riveting story, certain to engage Army wives of all generations. The incidents described and the issues surfaced in Ms. Biank's hard-hitting piece surely will get her readers' attentions and will cause us to say to each other, Now, what can we do about it?' Joanne Patton, the wife of Major General George S. Patton and the daughter-in-law of General George S. Patton, Jr. From tragic to bittersweet, this is the untold story of the wives of our Army warriors--a powerful look for civilians and soldiers alike into the lives of women who each day embrace Duty, Honor, Sacrifice. W.E.B. Griffin In *Under the Sabers*, Tanya Biank invites civilians into the military world, a foreign culture. She introduces us to the true meaning of honor and duty as we see the strains on wives with a spouse serving in a war zone. She richly describes the bonds among military families that serve to support a wife during her spouse's deployments and simultaneously may limit her autonomy. *Under the Sabers* shows that military families are both the hidden casualties of war and a resilient group who meet the challenges for growth during every deployment. Tanya Biank helps those of us who work with families of deployed soldiers become better able to understand and serve them. Dr. Jaine L. Darwin, PsyD Harvard professor, Clinical Instructor in Psychology, Harvard Medical School and Co-Director, SOFAR, Strategic Outreach to Families of All Reservists Thank you for putting a voice to the hardships and triumphs of this military life. Tara Crooks, host of Army Wife Talk Radio A very realistic and enjoyable read about the pains and pleasures of military life. www.militarybrat.com