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"Jamail's human portrait of the men and women who turned away from the project of empire should serve as a beacon."—Chris Hedges

"Dahr Jamail is one of very few journalists who have displayed the courage—physical, intellectual, and moral courage—to tell the truth about the invasion of Iraq. In this outstanding book, he describes the often secret resistance within the US military."—John Pilger

Dahr Jamail's comprehensive study of today's military resisters sheds new light on the contours of dissent within the ranks of the world's most powerful military. Featuring a new introduction by the author.

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### **Jessica says**

*The Will to Resist* by Dahr Jamail is a book about soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan who chose to stop fighting due to various ethical and personal concerns. Jamail, who was a reporter in the Iraq war, suffers from PTSD due to the harsh conditions prevalent in Iraq. Even though the book was written in 2009, it still highlights many issues that are often ignored, such as the many soldiers who are mentally unfit to fight but are deployed anyway, the low morale of those who serve and the reasons for this, and the injustice facing those who decide to refuse to fight due to their own acquired beliefs.

I was interested in this book mainly because I did not know that there was any form of resistance to fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan by American soldiers. This book does a good job in citing many specific examples of organizations and people who have chosen not to fight and their various reasons. It is eye opening to learn about so many policies that are overlooked but are so detrimental, such as the stop-loss policy, and to hear about the many soldiers who had no other option but to go AWOL instead of deploying because their Conscientious Objector applications were ignored. It also quotes soldiers wherever possible, instead of only the author's opinion.

Unfortunately, the book was too cut- and- dry for me. It didn't hold my attention like I wanted it to. The writing seemed to rehash the same argument over again instead of presenting it in a new way. Also, more could have been said about the reasons behind the wars and the problems with them. I was expecting more from it because the author was a reporter, and because I think so much more can be said about the issues presented in the book.

Personally, I would not recommend this book, especially as someone's introduction to this issue, because although I think the issue itself should not be ignored, I think there are better books about it that are more persuasive as well as informative.

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### **Mark Valentine says**

Jamail's patriotic service to the men and women in military uniforms appears when he gives them platform to speak conscientiously in objecting to the Occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan in his book. He has collected their anecdotal stories and honored them by quoting at length their words.

Essential reading for anyone not satisfied by corporate media or political ideologues, the book provides narratives of those who have resisted the military from within.

Bravery marches alone only until another steps alongside to share the path.

The veterans inside this book are my heroes.

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### **thinker bell says**

From the standpoint of US soldiers, this book reinforces war's bottom line: profit for corporations. For

everyone who is thinking of joining any branch of US "protective" service, this is a MUST read book. I had to stop every couple pages to digest the information. As much as I already know what the military does, the extremities of what is allowed to happen is astonishing and heart breaking.

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