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Ed says

Nice story of recovery and dealing with a future one never expected or wanted. I am always hesitant to read stories written directly by military folks. They may have great stories to tell, but they are usually not writers, so it can be difficult to keep your interest. I looked at this book because it was co-written by an author who had worked with Tom Clancy. Unfortunately, there was less of the professional writer coming through than I would have liked. Too much raw "I was thinking this" or "I was feeling that". Still, good story of courage and overcoming obstacles.

Elissa Kaplan says

Inspiring book but may also be because I met the author. The author speaking engagement inspired me to hike 28 miles for the first time and to try to do it again next year. The book would be of interest to anyone but probably especially so for military or a person who is overcoming adversity.

Brandon says

This book was interesting. Ivan Castro certainly has had a brilliant career in the Army and he certainly has had a hard life, though some of it was caused by some youthful exuberance. I liked the style in that this memoir detailed more of his life than just this one incident that permanently changed his life. I liked how this memoir detailed his journey through the ranks of the Army and how he explained what he could about the military, which helped me to learn how much these folks are entrusted with beyond having the lives of millions and millions of people on the shoulders. I recommend to this book to everyone, especially those who served in the armed forces.

I received this advanced uncorrected proof book as part of the Goodreads giveaway program.

Michael says

Such an inspiring and motivational story. It is told in a down to earth simple manner which makes me appreciate it even more. I admire the faith and determination of Ivan Castro. I am proud that he serves our country. His achievements after his injuries are remarkable for anyone without those injuries. My desire is that some of what I read will impact my life in a positive manner and make me reach a little further in life. Love the three songs the author uses to sum up his life! I won this book in a GoodReads Giveaway.

Lawrence Rubal says

Had the honor to serve as an FSO with (then 1LT) Castro during the fight and deployment that injured him, so pretty vivid description of that solemn day, brought back a lot of memories (both good and bad). We fought hard in Yusifayah again and again, and took some significant casualties.

Absolutely stellar job. Great mix and transition between combat, recovery, motivation, and his current life.

Ivan is an inspiration, I don't think anyone doubted he had the resiliency and drive to continue to succeed, and then some. While it's an awful tragedy what happened, it's amazing what it's led to in the long run, how much he's achieved, and how many he's inspired. God bless you brother.

Lauren says

I had the pleasure of meeting Ivan, (and later on Jim Defelice) and he has been on my mind often since. His story has been an inspiration to me as I struggle with minor running injuries and think of all he has been through and continues to achieve. His passion, dedication to the army, his faith, his pain, and his flirtatious ways all come across in this book. Highly recommend.

John Isenhour says

I could not put this book down. I read the first chapter the night it was delivered and read the rest the next day in a marathon session. Before reading the book, I was already somewhat familiar with Castro's story after his injuries. What was surprising was how interesting it was to read about the person he was before the mortar attack that took his sight. There is some military action in the book, but even the action is described from the intensely personal perspective of someone who obviously loves the Army and even serving in combat but who also has a full understanding of the fear and confusion that often come along with that service.

I'm not familiar with the military memoir genre, so I can't compare *Fighting Blind* to any other books in the genre, but I can at least say that I was absolutely captivated by the book and enjoyed every minute of the read. I imagine that people who are already fans of this genre are going to love it.
