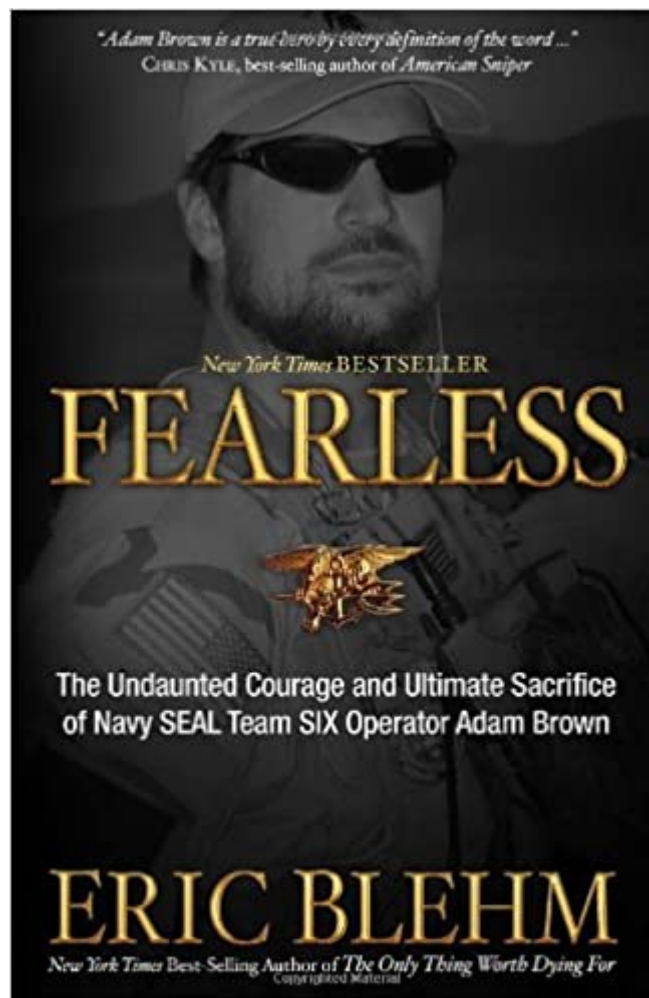




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Fearless: The Undaunted Courage And Ultimate Sacrifice Of Navy SEAL Team SIX Operator Adam Brown



Synopsis

Fearless takes you deep into SEAL Team SIX, straight to the heart of one of its most legendary operators. When Navy SEAL Adam Brown woke up on March 17, 2010, he didn't know he would die that night in the Hind Kush Mountains of Afghanistan—but he was ready. In a letter to his children, not meant to be seen unless the worst happened, he wrote, "I'm not afraid of anything that might happen to me on this earth, because I know no matter what, nothing can take my spirit from me." Fearless is the story of a man of extremes, whose courage and determination were fueled by faith, family, and the love of a woman. It's about a man who waged a war against his own worst impulses, including drug addiction, and persevered to reach the top tier of the U.S. military. In a deeply personal and absorbing chronicle, Fearless reveals a glimpse inside the SEAL Team SIX brotherhood, and presents an indelible portrait of a highly trained warrior whose final act of bravery led to the ultimate sacrifice. Adam Brown was a devoted man who was an unlikely hero but a true warrior, described by all who knew him as fearless. "As a rule, we don't endorse books or movies or anything regarding the command where I work—and Adam Brown worked—but as the author writes in Fearless, "you have to know the rules, so you know when to bend or break them." This is one of those times. Read this book. Period. It succeeds where all the others have failed. -- SEAL Team SIX Operator

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Praise for Fearless

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Anonymous SEAL Team SIX Operator

“Adam Brown’s zest for life led him down a few dark alleys and more than one dead end. Kind-hearted and wild, Adam led a life that lacked direction. God, a woman, and the U.S. Navy gave it to him. Fearless is a love story...several love stories: a man for his woman, a warrior for his team, parents for kids, and soldiers for their country. There is no greater love than that a man lay down his life for his friends. Be warned—reading Fearless will change the way you see the world.”

Stu Weber, veteran Green Beret, pastor, and author of Tender Warrior

“When people know they are going to die, often their one regret is that they didn’t say ‘I love you’ enough. Adam Brown never had to worry. His life was about love: love of God, family, friends, country, his fellow SEALs, and the Afghan children who worshipped him. In his latest book, Fearless, Eric Blehm does a marvelous and moving job uncovering the man—the men—beneath the SEAL mythology of elite, rock-hard warriors, renowned for their courage and skill. The SEALs in Fearless hug their children, seek comfort from their wives, wear Batman briefs, answer to names like Big Bird and Fozzy, mourn lost buddies, and risk their lives to rescue civilians from the field of fire. This is a stirring, revelatory, heartbreaking story.”

James Campbell, author of The Last Frontiersman and Ghost Mountain Boys

“This is not another SEAL book about ego; this is a powerful book about perseverance that will absolutely inspire everybody. Adam was a warrior in the truest sense—courageous, compassionate, intrepid, and humble. And his dedication to God, country, family, and the Brotherhood was genuine and exceptional. This book will motivate you to challenge yourself to be fearless.”

SEAL teammate of Adam Brown, BUD/S Class 226

“There is a quote from the Bible etched onto the memorial that stands in the shadow of World Trade Center steel that resembles a massive trident: ‘Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? And who will go for us? And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’ That was Adam Brown. Fearless is a clear and deeply honest portrait of an authentic American man who lived and loved with an intrepid personal velocity. For most of us, the failures and disappointments in life take their toll. Not for Adam Brown. He vanquished all life’s heartbreaks with faith, humility, and hard work. His commitment to his family and his friends helped forge Adam Brown into the rarest of warriors. Long live the

Brotherhood. "Kurt Johnstad, screenwriter, Act of Valor and 300" "Fearless stands unique among works of modern combat literature through author Eric Blehm's masterful weaving of a fallen Navy SEAL's professional war-fighting life with his complex personal victories and travails. Rich in detail and captivating in its honesty, you won't put Fearless down once you read the first page. Read it and prepare to learn a whole new world of life as a Navy SEAL." "Ed Darack, author of Victory Point" "Fearless is a vivid account of one man's journey from all-American boy to all-American hero. Blehm's writing takes you beyond the battlefield and right to the heart of the personal battles, sacrifices, and triumphs of one of America's elite warriors. Anyone looking for an inspiring story of inner strength and courage will be richly rewarded by this book." "Eric Greitens- Former Navy SEAL and New York Times bestselling author of The Heart and the Fist "Be prepared for the full range of emotions as the true adventures of a real American hero demonstrate that 'with God, all things are possible.'" "U.S. Navy Chaplain Timothy Libertay

Eric Blehm is the best-selling author of The Only Thing Worth Dying For, which recounts the harrowing story of the first Special Forces A-team to infiltrate Taliban-held southern Afghanistan weeks after 9/11. It was a New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestseller. The Last Season, winner of the National Outdoor Book Award, was named by Outside magazine as one of the ten "greatest adventure biographies ever written." Blehm lives in California with his wife and children.

I was somewhat conflicted when I read the story of this hero. Having read many of the books published about Navy SEALs, one thing stands out, they all have an extreme focus on the end goal and make choices that move them closer to that goal. Adam Brown made some bad choices that had to be overcome. While any journey to wear a SEAL Trident takes a monumental effort, Adam's journey is even more incredible with all the stumbling blocks he encountered. Fearless is the obvious title for this book. Adam Brown became fearless by his deep belief in God, his wife, his family, and his team. You have to respect a person that would rather die than let down his team. That dedication shows when on the road to Kandahar their Humvee hit another vehicle and flipped multiple times. Adam severed the fingers of his right hand and they were hanging on with skin and tendons, but he completely disregarded that injury and went to work saving his teammate that had his leg crushed in the accident. Only when the Corpsman had his friend stabilized did he allow someone to tend to his injuries. This book pays tribute to this hero. The author spoke with his

childhood friends and family and in the first 80 pages outlined the story of a fun-loving kid. He was a kid who liked to push himself and loved dangerous feats, like jumping off of bridges into the river. He excelled at everything he attempted, and was on the path to do anything he wanted, when he made some bad choices and started using drugs. I have seen first-hand the damage that drugs like crack can do, so this story is even more amazing that he reached the top tier of the Navy SEALs while having to overcome the constant call of his crack addiction. While I did not like the person he was during his dark time with drugs, I did find myself pulling for him to succeed. SEAL Team Six is the "best of the best" and a place where you have to be in the top 1% of a group that is already in the top 1% of the planet. You have to perform at incredibly high levels that most people, with fully functioning bodies and minds cannot achieve. Adam severed the fingers of his right hand, his shooting hand. He was injured in a training accident and lost sight in his right eye, his dominant shooting eye. He caved in his shinbone, had back problems, arthritis, walked around in constant pain all while fighting the urge to smoke crack, yet he still managed to overcome these issues, any one of which would disqualify a normal man, yet he still forged on. Adam went to Sniper school, a school with a very high attrition rate, because only the best graduate from this incredibly tough school. Now many SEALs complete Sniper school, but Adam had to relearn how to shoot using his left hand and his left eye. That is unheard of. All throughout this book you will be touched by Adam's generosity and his constant devotion to others. In Afghanistan he would never leave any checkpoint or observation post without helping fill sandbags or in some way fortifying the outpost. He would regularly give away his MREs to the local children and even organized his church to send kids sneakers when he realized that the local Afghan children had to wear open sandals during the harsh mountain winters. He was a man that always made the world a better place for others. By the time I was halfway through this book I was increasingly saddened because I felt it unfair that a hero like Adam was going to die. But true to his character his life ended in a detailed battle where he never once stopped to think about himself, he just remained fearless while trying to protect and defend others. His loyalty to his team was shown in their loyalty to him. When he was shot multiple times and badly wounded his teammates made heroic efforts to save him and get him to a hospital. Sadly, as we all know, he did not make it. Adam touched a lot of people during his short life. He made a difference to many people. If a man is judged by the positive difference he makes in the lives of others, then Adam Brown truly is a hero.

Adam Brown, a kid from Arkansas will capture your heart. When he grows into a man and is besieged by addiction, your heart will break. A testimony to faith, redemption and the power of love

to overcome addiction, uncertainty, and physical pain. Reading the letter Adam wrote to his children is poignant and had me in tears. Even now, writing this review my eyes well up. If you think you've got problems, I promise you don't. Not after reading Fearless. This book is told from carefully culled recollections of Adam Brown that include parents, wife, fellow SEALs, friends, his twin sister and his older brother. Even his young son and daughter's remembrance of their dad are woven into Fearless, which only adds to the dimension of a man who wasn't beyond falling off a pedestal. What makes Adam different beyond his ability to withstand trauma, pain, humility was his drive to take his weakness, a human frailty and recommit himself. Whether it was to his wife, his family, the Navy, or his faith, in giving his all, he has given the world a dichotomy in which to understand a hero isn't a saint. A hero is the person who is unstoppable in their quest to do the right thing. Fearless: A remarkable journey, a soul shaking love story between Kelley and Adam, and Adam and his tribe. A book that will shake the reader into asking the question, what have I done to help the world. And ultimately, isn't that definition of hero, the person who inspires others to do good?

I loved this book. If you are looking for an action packed, shoot'em up military story, read something else. If you are looking for a story of ultimate courage, patriotism, faith, and sacrifice, this would be my number one choice. I am a former school library director, I know books. I feel that this book should be required reading for every high school student. This book is so inspiring that the reader can't help but think back on their life and feel like they should have and could have done more. And it leaves you with the feeling that you need to start right now and work to be a better person. The story of Adam's life is truly amazing. I cannot fathom the courage he had to overcome all that he did to achieve what he did. Adam proved that even though you make huge mistakes and reach the lowest point of life, courage and faith can turn you around and you can still succeed in life. Although few would be able to achieve what Adam did. If everyone in our great country, that Adam loved so much, would show only a small fraction of his courage, faith, sacrifice and patriotism, (especially our leaders), the United States of America would be a much different and better place. I am not pushing Christianity, but this book shows what faith can do for a person if they let it. I could go on and on praising this story and Adam, but I'll close by saying to all, **READ THIS BOOK!**

Whenever I need a pick me up, I read this book. My husband and I are in the military, stationed apart, and marriage is hard enough without adding to it. Whenever I need a reminder that we can make it through this, I read this book. Adam Brown was a hero, not just for his actions in combat, but for the way he lived his life, overcoming more obstacles than one person should ever have to

experience. Eric Blehm did a wonderful job with this story. My husband and I have "Fearless" engraved on our wedding rings because of this book.

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