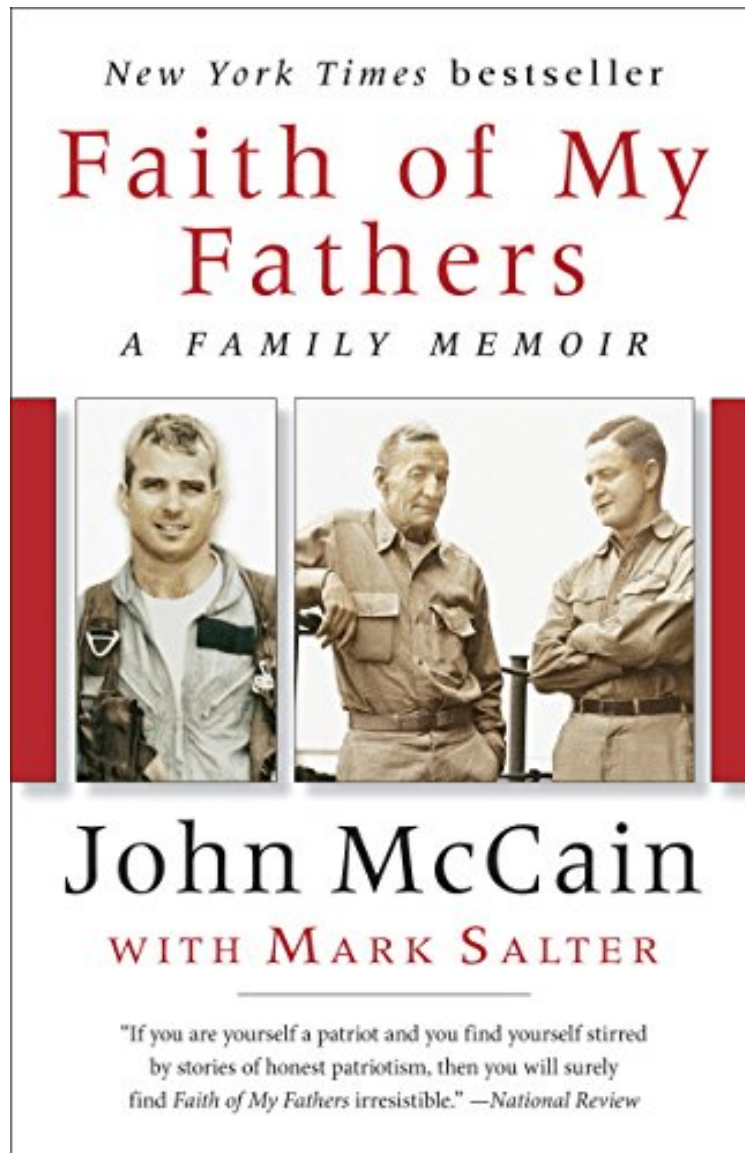


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**Von John McCain, Mark Salter : Faith of My Fathers: A Family Memoir** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Faith of My Fathers: A Family Memoir:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A straight forward and honest account of the heroic McCainsVon Joe OwenThis is a gripping read that tells both the good and bad of this heroic family and their history with the U.S. Navy. Senator McCain tells the experiences with

honesty, admitting his flaws, yet telling the way the Navy is without "glossing over" the less than favorable memories. A great overview of the life and accomplishments of his grandfather and father, brave, yet very human heroes of WWII. Being a Navy Veteran (15 years of service) I can readily identify with the frustrations that the Senator had while serving in the Navy. The problems of yesterday still plague the Navy today. Senator McCain's account as a prisoner of war in Vietnam is spoken with honesty and a depth of soul searching that all the POW's went thru. This is not a book to give himself a pat on the back, but a book that "shoots from the hip" and tells it like it is (and was)...I highly recommend this book to anyone who is interested in 20th Century Military History and the life of this hero from Arizona. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. John McCain's Faith of My Fathers defines values and heroism Von Kindle Customer Don't read this book for its literary qualities; Read it for the story. McCain hales from a line of military figures who knew the meaning of honor, faith, and valor. He followed the family example and his recollections of Vietnam as a POW are extremely moving. At a time when so many despised America, he grew to love it - in the squalor of prison camps. Suffering may not make people heroes but it unquestionably ennobled John McCain. The book is an inspiration. Its faults are minor although the loose ends about McCain's personal life are a distraction. Faith of My Fathers should be required reading for young people and all of us who wonder if character and integrity still reside in the political ethos. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This is NOT the typical campaign autobiography Von Leland S. Van Koten (vankoten@home.com) A wonderful book that describes heroism not as a search for glory, but as simple fidelity to duty. McCain portrays his father and grandfather not as perfect icons, but as flawed human beings who rose to the occasion, and he portrays himself during his captivity in North Vietnam not as a hero, but as someone who sometimes failed to live up to his own high standards of resistance, and who was tempted to betray those standards by accepting early release, only to learn much later that the release would have been timed to embarrass the US by coinciding with his father assuming command as Commander in Chief of US Forces in the Pacific. Other politicians tend to describe their "youthful indiscretions" in vague "what I may or may not have done" language. McCain describes his with forthright candor, and in the process demonstrates that heroism is not something achieved by extraordinary men, but is rather something that is achieved by ordinary men doing their sometimes imperfect best to hold themselves to extraordinary standards. The book ends with the release of the POWs by North Vietnam. I would have liked more, especially about how McCain's peripheral involvement in the "Keating Five" matter (he was essentially exonerated, but has conceded being insufficiently sensitive to appearances) is related to his passionate commitment to campaign finance reform, but maybe that is material for a sequel. I will certainly buy it!

Kurzbeschreibung NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER John McCain's deeply moving memoir is the story of three generations of warriors and the ways that sons are shaped and enriched by their fathers. McCain's grandfather, a four-star admiral and one of the navy's greatest commanders, led the strongest aircraft carrier force of the Third Fleet during World War II. McCain's father, also a four-star admiral, served as commander of all U.S. forces in the Pacific during the Vietnam War. It was in Vietnam that John McCain III faced the most difficult challenge of his life. A naval aviator, he was shot down over Hanoi in 1967. Recognized as the son of a top commander, McCain was tortured and imprisoned for five and a half years. Despite this, he refused Vietnamese offers of an early release. What McCain learned from his grandfather and father enabled him to survive those hard years. A testament to the power of human endurance, Faith of My Fathers is the story of three men who fought for their country with courage and emerged with their honor intact. Praise for Faith of My Fathers A thoughtful first-person take on survival, both physical and psychological . . . hard to top and impossible to read without being moved. USA Today A candid, moving, and entertaining memoir . . . impressive and inspiring, the story of a man touched and molded by fire who loved and served his country in a time of great trouble, suffering, and challenge. Kirkus s A serious, utterly gripping account of faith, fathers, and the military. Publishers Weekly (starred review) Faith of My Fathers may also appeal to those who flocked to Saving Private Ryan and kept Brokaw's The Greatest Generation near the top of the bestseller lists. Library Journal Faith of My Fathers is the powerful story of a war hero. In it we learn much of what matters most. As prisoner (and later Senator) McCain instructs us: Glory is not an end in itself, but rather a reward for valor and faith. And the greatest freedom and human fulfillment comes from engaging in a noble enterprise larger than oneself. Faith of My Fathers teaches deep truths that are valid in any age but that warrant special attention in our own. William J. Bennett From the Trade Paperback edition. deBooks by politicians are not often worth reading, but John McCain's Faith of My Fathers is an astonishing exception to the rule. The Republican senator from Arizona has a remarkable story to tell--better than just about any of his peers--and he tells it well, with crisp prose and an unexpected sense for narrative pacing. The first half of the book concerns his naval forbears: his grandfather commanded an aircraft carrier in the Second World War, while his father presided over all naval forces in the Pacific during the Vietnam War. They were the first father-son admirals in American history. Young John McCain knew he had enormous shoes to fill and rebelled against many of the expectations set for him. At the Naval Academy, he was nearly expelled, graduating fifth

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