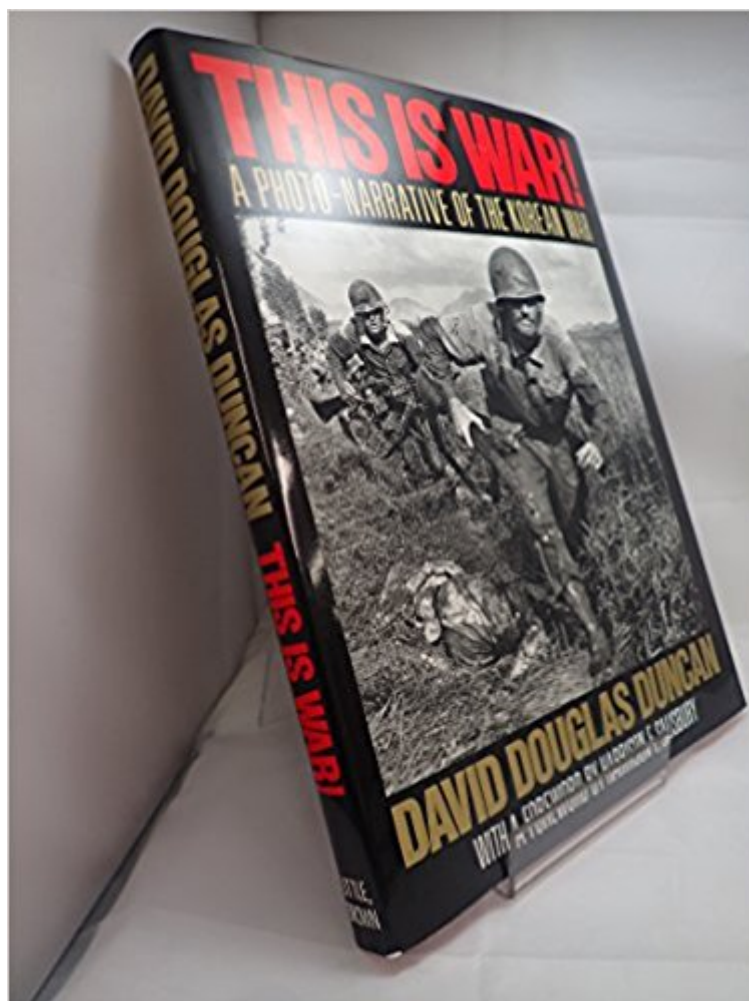


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Synopsis

Published to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Korean War, this book contains combat photographs forming a narrative of courage, grimness, ordeal and loyalty. It follows a group of marines through a series of battles, and contains text to explain the circumstances of each photograph.

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Customer Reviews

Duncan provides an excellent reminder of what the Korean War was. My uncle was an artilleryman with the Army and recounts seeing trucks full of dead, frozen soldiers and marines coming back from the Chosen Reservoir. This book puts his service into greater context. Anyone with a curiosity as to what war means needs to have this book.

"This is War" features a solid collection of photos that are well presented. The book itself can serve as a coffee table book or fit on most shelves. Having a consistent quality, focus, and content, the pictures are clearly the work of one photographer (hence, the "narrative" claim in the subtitle). The photos dominate the text, and several pages of text give some additional insight and context. This isn't a learning tool, really; rather, it's record, something to flip through and talk about.

This is the 1990 reprint and the pictures are of much lower quality than the original printing (which I have). These pictures are grainy and that takes away from the impact that the original glossy printing had. This is primarily a picture book so, it does make a difference. Three stars because it is

still David Duncan and he was the premier war photographer of the Korean War.

This book was originally published in 1951 on the one year anniversary of the onset of the Korean War. Life Magazine photographer David Douglas Duncan was working in Tokyo when the war began. Within a few days, he was taking photographs on the rapidly changing front line. This book is a compilation of combat photos that he took during the first few months of the war. There are many memorable photos of battles around the Pusan Perimeter, the return to Seoul and the epic retreat from the Chosin Reservoir. Duncan was a Marine combat veteran of the Second World War. His connection to the Marines on the ground is shown in the remarkable empathy of his photographs. Duncan was not afraid to get up really close to the combat. His close up portraits of exhausted Marines during the Chosin retreat are some of the most memorable images of the Korean War. This is a work of not only remarkable war photography but also of portraiture. If that were not enough, the text that accompanies the photographs is also a great example of combat reportage. This is an excellent book and I give it my highest recommendation.

My Father Inlaw enjoyed

A gift for my husband. He seems to like it okay.

My husband spent 1950 - 1953 as a US Navy Corpsman in the Fleet Marine Force (FMF) on the front lines of the Korean War. He remembers some of the servicemen shown in this book as well as D.D.D., the Marine photographer and author. It is an accurate depiction of troops in the field. Recommended as an excellent photographic journal of the Korean War.

The book arrived quickly and well packaged. The original cover was missing, but I knew that when I purchased it. The book, otherwise was like new. My dad is deceased and this book was in his collection. His picture is actually in it. One of my nephews wanted the book so I gave him my dad's and ordered this one. It is a great depiction of the war in pictures. There is much emotion attached to it for me personally and I would highly recommend this for anyone's collection.

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