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### Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Miller served with the Army in Vietnam from 1966 to '72, winning the Medal of Honor and six Purple Hearts. Writing with Army captain Kureth he here discusses the attractions of combat: "I loved it. I couldn't get enough." Miller is aggressively outspoken and repugnant about the business of killing ("Genuine killers are not to be confused with guys who simply spray the area and happen to kill someone") and objectionably recalls that he nearly murdered his Vietnamese girlfriend for no particular reason ("To this day I'm not sure why I wanted to kill her"). After his Medal of Honor exploit his superiors consigned him to a psychiatric ward purportedly in order to remove him from the combat zone. Miller found peacetime duty almost unendurable ("My extensive combat skills and ass-kicking abilities were no longer needed") but recovered his morale as an infantry instructor. He is still on active duty with the Army.

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From Library Journal

The Special Operations Group (SOG), a small unit that operated behind enemy lines during the Vietnam War, has gotten remarkably little historical examination. This memoir by Congressional Medal of Honor-winner Miller describes some of the actions of this unusual unit. Miller was sent to Vietnam in 1966, and once he discovered he was very good at combat, managed to remain there until 1972 when his status as a recipient of the nation's highest military medal (and hence a soldier to be protected from further hazardous duty) forced him back to the States. His exploits are disturbingly and vividly told, with the frank language and gruesome detail that is common to descriptions of close combat; there is an especially harrowing description of the action that got him the Medal of Honor. For students of the war there are many glimpses into the workings of the SOG. The book's sanguine tone somewhat mars recommending this for general readers.

- *Mel D. Lane, Sacramento, Cal.*

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