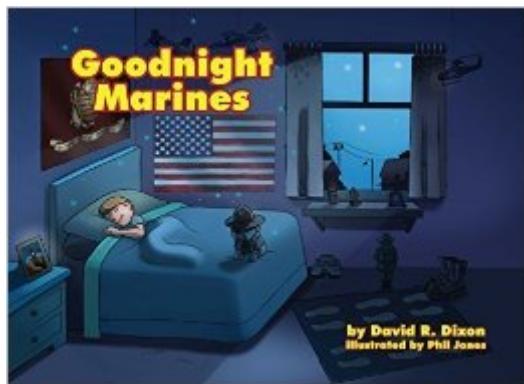


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# Goodnight Marines



## Synopsis

The best-selling Marine Corps children's book. Brilliantly illustrated by former Disney Artist, Phil Jones (Tarzan, Mulan, Lilo & Stitch), and written by an award-winning poet and active-duty Marine, this hardcover children's book will warm the hearts of both young and old as the audience is taken on an imaginative adventure that teaches about the culture & traditions of the Marine Corps. ----- A note from the author, Major David Dixon: "As a Marine and Iraq War veteran, I feel honored to represent the Marine Corps and the traditions that I hold so dear. I believe that Marines, both active duty and retired, must learn to engage the younger generation and share our proud culture of leadership. In this spirit I authored Goodnight Marines. All who read Goodnight Marines will appreciate the patriotism, heartfelt emotions, captivating illustrations, and richness of symbolism. In this book a young child gazes proudly at a photograph of his father - currently deployed to Afghanistan. The child's room is adorned with toy tanks, planes, radios, and trucks that he plays with to feel connected to his father. Then, as the child says goodnight to his dad and all of his military memorabilia, the toys come alive in his vibrant imagination. Kids, of course, love the quiet protagonist - the child's best friend and stuffed animal Teufel Hunden (Devil Dog). Unfortunately, this young boy cannot yet pronounce such a difficult German word, so he has named his friend "Tuffy Hound." The real spirit of Goodnight Marines culminates on the final page, where the moon shines on the father's picture next to his son - sleeping safely in his room with Tuffy Hound. I hope my fellow warriors enjoy reading this to their children as much as my wife and I do. A portion of the proceeds from this book will benefit Tillman Scholars through the Pat Tillman Foundation."

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I received the hardcover version as a gift for my son. It is our new favorite book. It's such a joy to read it with him. It is clever, cute, and almost emotional to read as a military family. The illustrations spark priceless conversations from my little one who loves all things Marine. It is also rewarding to know that you are supporting a good cause when you purchase this book. I highly recommend this to all families with little ones but especially military families.

Goodnight Marines is a thoughtful homage to the Marine Corps presented for both young and old to enjoy. The book ends with the Marines Hymn which we sing every time we read the book. I cannot give this book more praise.

A fantastic new favorite for my two toddler's bedtime routine, they now ask for the "daddy book" every night! Great story with additional explanations that are sure to grow with them. The illustrations are simply beautiful, we love this book.

This book is for any civilian family as much as it is for USMC families. It promotes thoughtful conversation, touches upon USMC history and tradition, and most importantly fills ones heart with the understanding of what a child/family sacrifices when a loved one is a military service member. The author has touched upon all of this in a manner which is not political, not frightening, but loving and caring and completely appropriate for young children. I highly recommend this book for any child who has a US Marine loved one. Furthermore, I would like to see this book in public school libraries and city libraries.

What a marvelous way to introduce children to the proud Marine traditions! This beautifully illustrated book highlights symbols of the U.S. Marine Corps that give both a historic and current view. Should be especially meaningful for children who have parents serving in the military, but also provides insightful appreciation to all children regarding those who serve to keep us safe. A soothing bedtime tale that offers reassurance through strong ties of love and security.

I ordered this book for my son because his father retired from the Marine Corps before he was born. I wanted to be able to share with him some USMC history and pride. This book is incredibly well done and beautifully illustrated. It's truly a piece of military art. Each page covers at least one, and often more, touchstones of Marine Corps history. The air wing and fleet are both represented, as

are famous places, battles, and warriors. The pages are adorned with beautiful EGAs, yellow footprints, beloved bulldogs, uniforms, and other symbols prized by the USMC. The back of the book has pages devoted to the Marine Corps hymn and a Marine Corps glossary. Absolutely every thing I would want my young child to know about his father's glorious Corps is covered in these pages. I think every child of a US Marine should have a copy of this book in their personal library. It would make an excellent baby shower gift for USMC families.

My father has been in a memory care facility since May. What's evident since his dementia began to show up is that he still has a keen memory for his long career in the U. S. Marine Corps. This book was perfect for him. But more importantly it was perfect for me. I wept in my first read and I weep now as I share this with you. If you are a Marine, know a Marine, were a Marine, married a Marine, or were raised by a Marine, this book will melt your heart. This book is a intimate tribute to my Marine father and perhaps yours too.

I purchased this book today at Marine Corps base Camp Pendleton for my son and daughter with the privilege of meeting Major Dixon and talking about how he came to publish Goodnight Marines. I have to say that with my husband being a green side Navy Corpsman, it is important to me that my children know who these brave men and women are that have earned the title of United States Marine. Their daddy would go through the very gates of hell to tend to them and it's important that they understand why. This book tonight at bedtime started the conversation with my 4 and 6 year old about how we are all one family and we protect our family. I plan on reading it every night as they really enjoy the story, illustrations, and even the bonus Marine Corps Hymn and vocabulary!! I truly love this book!

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