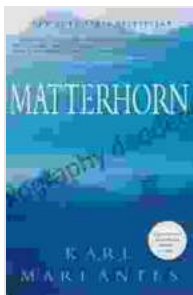


# Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War by Karl Marlantes

Matterhorn: A Novel of the Vietnam War is a powerful and moving novel that tells the story of a group of young Marines fighting in the Vietnam War. The novel is based on the author's own experiences in Vietnam, and it provides a realistic and unflinching look at the war and its impact on the soldiers who fought in it.



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★★★★☆ 4.6 out of 5

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Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
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The novel follows the Marines from their initial training in boot camp to their deployment to Vietnam. The Marines are a diverse group of young men, and they each have their own reasons for joining the war. Some are patriotic, some are looking for adventure, and some are simply trying to escape their problems at home.

The Marines are sent to fight in the Battle of Hue, one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War. The Marines fight bravely, but they are

outnumbered and outgunned. Many of them are killed or wounded, and the survivors are left with deep emotional scars.

Matterhorn is a powerful and moving novel that tells the story of the Vietnam War from the perspective of the young Marines who fought in it. The novel is a testament to the courage and resilience of these young men, and it is a reminder of the horrors of war.

## Characters

- **Mellas** - The novel's protagonist, a young Marine who is sent to fight in the Battle of Hue.
- **Pfc. Boyle** - A young Marine who is killed in the Battle of Hue.
- **Lt. Forshay** - A Marine officer who is killed in the Battle of Hue.
- **Doc** - A Navy corpsman who serves with the Marines in the Battle of Hue.
- **Father Meachum** - A Catholic priest who serves as a chaplain to the Marines in the Battle of Hue.

## Themes

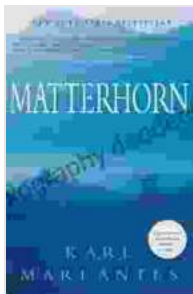
- **The horrors of war** - Matterhorn is a unflinching look at the horrors of war. The novel depicts the brutality of combat, the suffering of the wounded, and the emotional toll that war takes on soldiers.
- **The courage and resilience of soldiers** - Despite the horrors of war, the Marines in Matterhorn display incredible courage and resilience. They fight bravely against overwhelming odds, and they never give up hope.

- **The importance of comradeship** - The Marines in Matterhorn rely on each other for support and strength. They form strong bonds of friendship, and they help each other to survive the horrors of war.

## Reception

Matterhorn has been widely praised by critics for its realism, its powerful storytelling, and its insights into the Vietnam War. The novel has won numerous awards, including the National Book Award for Fiction and the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

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