

## Herbert--The Making of a Soldier

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**Anthony B. Herbert : Herbert--The Making of a Soldier** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Herbert--The Making of a Soldier:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Soldier's Soldier---a winner's tale.By Gene CiscoFor those Americans in search of a hero after Audie Murphy, Anthony B. Herbert is from that same character mold---honor, decency, unvarnished courage under fire and, like Washington, no career ambitions beyond what his soldiering skills deserve. This memoir brings to life the Korean story as depicted in films like "Pork Chop Hill," "Steel Helmet," "Fixed Bayonets," and rises measurably higher to total admiration of this enlisted man's hero. It is clear in both of his soldiering books ("Soldier" prior)that there are political battles that others less grounded, less educated, sucker in to, but Herbert withdrew shrewdly,(dismissed from the army)with his courage, integrity and martial skills intact to inspire others completing his education to write vividly. Unlike Oliver North who traded his uniform for congressional favor, Herbert has an inspiring allegiance to the army and longstanding American values of truth that have been completely twisted by Mad Avenue over decades into blind compliance no matter the familiar quagmire trap sold to all for commercial "national" interests. There are so many brutal engagements depicted, unexplained casualties, so imaginatively drawn in such a speedy narrative it makes a Mailer war yarn pale in comparison. This memoir of his Korean experiences (put to print almost 30 years later) is inspiring for its brave re-creation,mano a mano battlefield conversations so real that names like Canning, Malinowski, King or Connors will linger long after you finish reading. What Eugene Sledge's "The Old Breed" does for World War II, this Herbert Korean memoir does for the forgotten vets of Korea. This is one soldier's soldier that doesn't fade away but whose character continues to rise in admiration.

As the saying goes, "Fortune favors the Brave," Herbert embodied that so many times, with real wounds against low odds so much that he steps away from this memoir as if he was clothed in the gossamer fabric of a god. Thank God, Herbert and other such heroes are on our side. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A. B. Badger, Th.D. By Anthony B. Badger - Lancaster PAI was privileged to serve under Anthony B. Herbert in the 2/505 Parachute Infantry, 82 Airborne at Ft. Bragg, in 1965. What a soldier! At the time I didn't know his history and war record in Korea. I was just an E-5 then, but I always admired him for his no nonsense leadership abilities. He commanded by the book and served as an example to all of us. I can recall that he once told us that whoever holds out for the last two or three seconds is the one who wins the battle. In 1965 he stopped me in Dominican Republic and questioned me about the "non-uniform" Kabar Marine fighting knife that I had strapped to my leg. He asked me what platoon I was in and I told him I was in Lt. Sosa's Recon Platoon. He let me keep the knife on and went his way. I always admired him for that. When I read this book and his descriptions of war actions, I was amazed that it was a genuine description of this man and his determination to do his duty. I'd recommend this book to anyone who needs a hero. Tony B. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Honor in the Midst of War's Horror By Craig Mutton This book relates the first person experiences of Anthony Herbert, whose single-minded dedication to his mission led him back to the battle front over and over. Wounds, injuries and an open door to safer environs did not deter him. He killed countless enemy soldiers; he won more decorations than any other soldier in Korea, yet his sense of honor would not permit him to cross the line and kill a civilian or burn a village. Herbert's story is as tough and gritty as the man himself. But if you come to the last paragraph of the last page with a dry eye, you're a calloused soul, indeed.

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