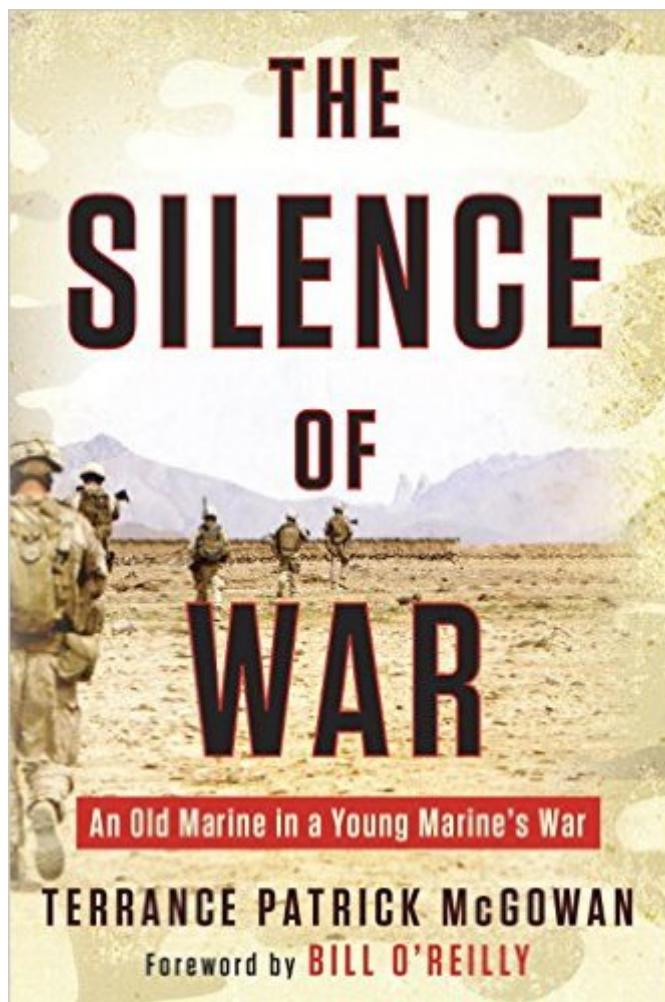


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# The Silence Of War: An Old Marine In A Young Marine's War



## Synopsis

With a Foreword by Bill O'Reilly, here is the incredible memoir of a former Marine who returns to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan three decades after leaving the Corps. Terry McGowan had been a beat cop, a Marine captain, and a Special Agent for the FBI before retiring at the age of fifty. But when tragedy struck the United States on September 11th, 2001, Terry felt an undiminished sense of duty to protect and serve his country. Six years later, he was in Iraq as a member of a team of high ranking retired and active duty military working for the highest level of Marine military intelligence. His success in Iraq led to a position as a Law Enforcement Professional with the Marines in Afghanistan. There he found himself the oldest member of a platoon on the front line; a platoon that was understrength and under fire. While an eighteen year old Marine can't look at a crowd of Afghans and pick out the guilty party, with his years of experience in law enforcement, Terry had developed an eye for the "felony look". His training as a Marine Officer combined with his experience as an FBI Agent made him a unique asset as he struggled to keep up with young Marines while they humped over the mountains. In *The Silence of War*, Terry recounts the many trials of his life of service, providing an intimate glimpse into the horrible realities of modern military conflict. INCLUDES PHOTOS

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## Customer Reviews

Finally got my copy of the *The Silence of War* today. I opened up the box it was in and sequestered myself in my library. I did not know what to expect. The book is about an embedded Law enforcement professional who was with our battalion in Afghanistan. This was our war as seen and

told through his own eyes. Three and a half hours later I finished and put it down. An hour later I realized I was staring at the wall. It felt like only a few seconds had passed. I hadn't moved but my mind had decided to go to a place that I purposely try to ignore. It had decided to take a trip into my past. As the days continue on and more and more people move on with their lives, and rightfully so, it is becoming more clear to me that history will judge the "conflicts" in Iraq and Afghanistan as abject failures in hindsight. I love history and consider myself a student of it. And history can be brutally honest. It can also be very abstract at times. People, names, personal struggles, doubts, and fears all disappear into hard statistics and facts. I am also a firm believer that history is our greatest teacher. Something that we rarely pay attention to these days it seems like. I figure that in a generation or even less all the struggles and hard lessons we learned from OIF/OEF will be forgotten. Just like we forgot the lessons from Vietnam. The best way to combat that loss is through stories. For some that is the only way their voice will be heard. That their struggles are remembered and taken into account. That is what this book is to me. A retelling of our campaign in Afghanistan in 2008. Not to simply tell a story but so others can know the men who fought there. What we were thinking. What we hoped for and feared.

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