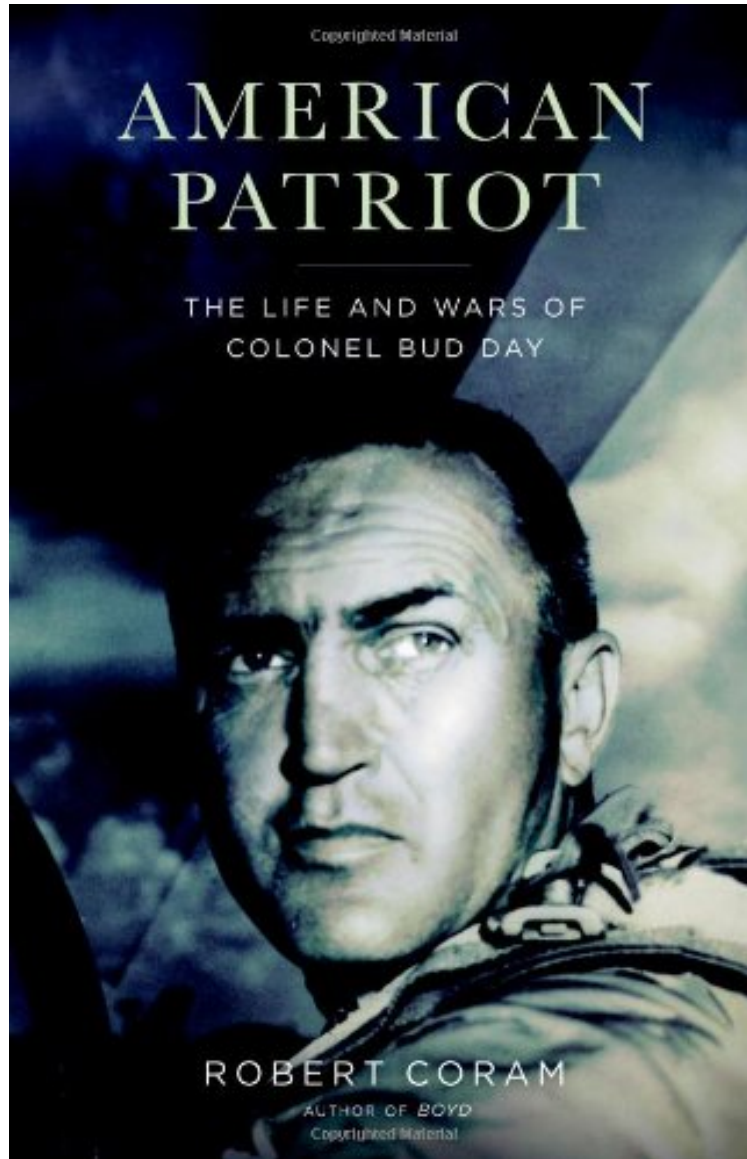


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Robert Coram : American Patriot: The Life and Wars of Colonel Bud Day before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised American Patriot: The Life and Wars of Colonel Bud Day:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a great story about a great America pilot and patriot. By Kindle Customer Every high school kid should have to read colonel Bud Day's story. His will to live and never give in to his sadistic captors, is an incredible story in and of itself, but, because of his leadership he united other Pow's. When the Clinton administration took away benefits from veterans, because they had reached the age of 65, Col Day was

outraged, and started a grassroots campaign to have those benefits reinstated. This is a story of a great American and a story that should not be forgotten. His love of country, his personal sacrifices, and his willingness to endure any hardship, make this book a necessary read for all Americans. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Coram has talent and he painted an accurate picture of a truly great man. By Richard Dis Assembler Robert Coram admitted it was difficult to be objective since he too had such great admiration for Colonel Bud Day. Coram helped cement my placement of the Colonel in a small, select group of truly great men this nation has produced. The Colonel is right at the top with George Washington and Ronald Reagan. Robert Coram knew how to explain and frame that one character trait that shines so brightly above all others and elevates so few people to this TOP position in the minds and hearts of those of us that have a good idea how hard it must be to exhibit such brutal honesty when you are already pegging the meter for fearless courage, and inner strength as the person you face off against holds you inches from death and can finish you off with the wave of his hand. This same honesty and inner strength in another situation pushed him to risk his life for the lives of many others, and I know that men like the Colonel don't come along very often. When I read that Bud Day had died a few years back, I welled up with tears at the thought of the loss to our nation, and I even got angry and depressed all over again thinking of how poorly educated the people in this nation have become as evidenced by the foolish leaders they have elected based on lies, and how fast we have moved away from the individual freedoms coupled with individual responsibility that men like Day understood so well and fought to protect. Sadly, those under the age of 50 may have to watch millions starve or be killed by a power hungry Soviet style central government before they look back and question the ignorant educators who were intentionally put in place to lie to them, and even more ignorant parents who told them it could never happen here. Sadly, most of them can't see that it really is happening here, and once lost, they won't have the Colonel or those like him to fight for their freedoms and show them what strength, courage, honesty and individual responsibility really looks like when it is needed the very most. Colonel, if you can bend the ear of the BIG GUY, let him know we'll do what we can when it starts, but, please ask him if you can come back for a while to show us how its really done. Godspeed Bud Day, Godspeed. LT Rich P.S. Nice job Mr Coram - I think you are a talented writer, and it shows that you knew him well, and you are lucky for that chance. I exchanged a few paragraphs of text with Bud Day before he passed, and I was very lucky for that privilege. What a great human being. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good story, poor writing By Customer The story about an American hero who values honor above all else is inspiring. Unfortunately, the lazy writing filled with generalizations and rambling decreases the effectiveness of what could have been an exciting read. The author continuously has to compliment the hero in a way that borders on flattery vs objectivity. The references to "midwestern values" continuously was tiresome and subjective. The final chapters transform the story from a war hero to a politician hellbent on destroying the Democrats for which the author also obviously despises. Instead of making this a rich read, he created an opinion piece the likes of which The Heritage Foundation and Fox News types would love. If you want to read a great book about an MOH POW avoid this one and read the story about Lance Sijan which I believe is titled Into the Mouth of the Cat.

During the course of his military career, Bud Day won every available combat medal, escaped death on no less than seven occasions, and spent 67 months as a POW in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, along with John McCain. Despite sustained torture, Day would not break. He became a hero to POWs everywhere--a man who fought without pause, not a prisoner of war, but a prisoner at war. Upon his return, passed over for promotion to Brigadier General, Day retired. But years later, with his children grown and a lifetime of service to his country behind him, he would engage in another battle, this one against an opponent he never had expected: his own country. On his side would be the hundreds of thousands of veterans who had fought for America only to be betrayed. And what would happen next would make Bud Day an even greater legend.

From Booklist Coram's superb biography of the most decorated living American veteran begins with Bud Day's Great Plains childhood and takes him through joining the air force, marrying his high-school sweetheart, and flying ever-more-demanding missions in Vietnam. After his luck ran out, he escaped from the first POW camp in which he was interned but was recaptured and endured five years of torture in a second. Retiring with the Medal of Honor, he returned to public life a generation later, launching breach-of-contract suits against the Clinton administration for what he perceived as its bad faith in dealing with Vietnam veterans. Although partially disabled and an ongoing sufferer from PTSD, Day remains active in veterans' affairs and Republican politics. Coram's motives for writing the book--see the preface--may raise some eyebrows, but as he did for his previous fighter-pilot biography, Boyd (2002), he has researched thoroughly and written fluently and with sympathy for his subject, an authentic hero worthy of many books. Roland Green Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved 'Superb...Coram has researched thoroughly and written fluently and with sympathy for his subject, an authentic hero' - BOOKLIST 'Riveting...A poignant and ultimately inspiring portrait...Day's military service tale is wide, varied, fraught with drama and jaw-dropping episodes' - AMERICAN SPECTATOR About the Author Robert Coram is the author of four nonfiction books and seven novels. His articles have appeared in the New Yorker and other national magazines, and he was twice

nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for his work as a reporter for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.