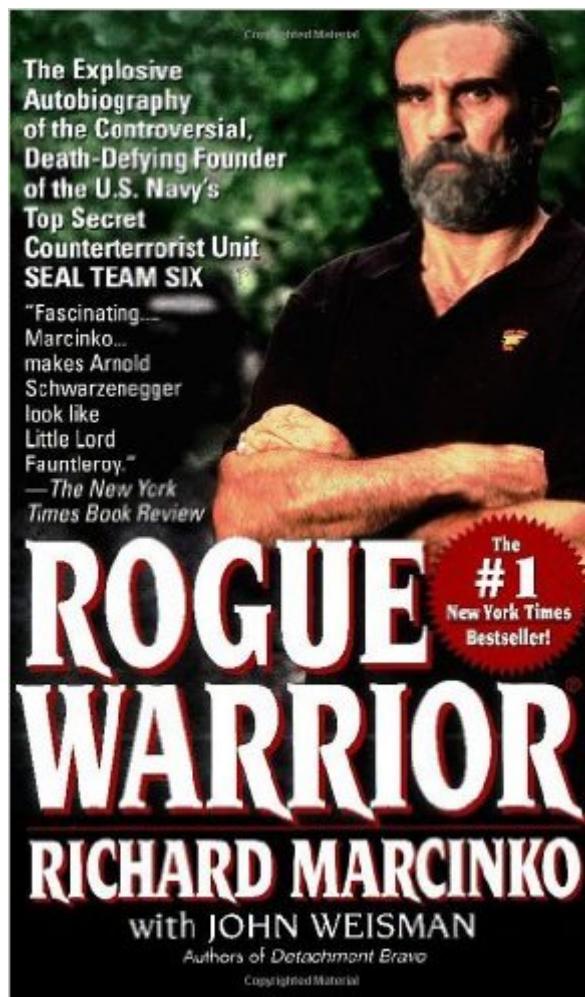


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# Rogue Warrior



## **Synopsis**

A brilliant virtuoso of violence, Richard Marcinko rose through Navy ranks to create and command one of this country's most elite and classified counterterrorist units, SEAL TEAM SIX. Now this thirty-year veteran recounts the secret missions and Special Warfare madness of his worldwide military career -- and the riveting truth about the top-secret Navy SEALs. Marcinko was almost inhumanly tough, and proved it on hair-raising missions across Vietnam and a war-torn world: blowing up supply junks, charging through minefields, jumping at 19,000 feet with a chute that wouldn't open, fighting hand-to-hand in a hellhole jungle. For the Pentagon, he organized the Navy's first counterterrorist unit: the legendary SEAL TEAM SIX, which went on classified missions from Central America to the Middle East, the North Sea, Africa and beyond. Then Marcinko was tapped to create Red Cell, a dirty-dozen team of the military's most accomplished and decorated counterterrorists. Their unbelievable job was to test the defenses of the Navy's most secure facilities and installations. The result was predictable: all hell broke loose. Here is the hero who saw beyond the blood to ultimate justice -- and the decorated warrior who became such a maverick that the Navy brass wanted his head on a pole, and for a time, got it. Richard Marcinko -- ROGUE WARRIOR.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I read Rogue Warrior when it first came out in 92, right after Marcinko was on 60 minutes. I have

also read Colonel Charlie Beckwith's "Delta Force." For those who do not know, Beckwith was the creator of the army DELTA FORCE as well as the JSOC. I found that many of the bureaucratic problems that confronted Marcinko and SEAL TEAM 6 were the same problems faced by Beckwith when he was building DELTA. I found this fascinating. Specifically, Marcinko explains the resistance from the conventional Navy when it came to the streamlined, British SAS type chain of command that SEAL Team 6 fit into. The regular Navy and even the regular SEAL community greatly disliked the new, "clean and direct" JSOC chain of command which was formed for all U.S. counterterrorist units after the failure of Desert One. Colonel Beckwith had similar resistance from the conventional army and even the Green Berets when he was trying to establish DELTA's "SAS" type chain of command in the late seventies. Marcinko tries to hammer the point home that if there is only one thing to know about a "true" special ops unit, it is that the chain of command needs to be "clean and direct." No in between bureaucracy. Just straight lines and clear communication between the SEAL unit and the High Command of the US armed forces. If one pays attention to both books, the similarities of problems encountered are nearly identical. I found *Rogue Warrior* not only fascinating as an adventure type story, but educational. Marcinko tries to educate the reader about the basic tenants of modern day special ops, ie. the right type of chain of command, proper selection of personnel, the importance of self-contained units that don't have to rely on outside assets for support, etc.

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