



Brave deeds

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War stories.

Monografía

"From Fobbit author David Abrams, *Brave Deeds* is a powerful novel of war, brotherhood, and America. Spanning eight hours, the novel follows a squad of six AWOL soldiers as they attempt to cross war-torn Baghdad on foot to attend the funeral of their leader, Staff Sergeant Rafe Morgan. In an inhospitable landscape, these men recall the most ancient of warriors while portraying a cross section of twenty-first century America--sometimes strong, sometimes weak, but subject to the same human flaws as all of us. Drew is reliable in the field, but unfaithful at home. Cheever, overweight and whining, is a friend to no one--least of all, himself. Specialist Olijandro, or O, is distracted by dangerous romantic thoughts of his ex-wife. Fish's propensity for violence is what drew him to the military and could be a catalyst for the day's events. Park is the quiet one, but his quick thinking may make him the day's hero. And platoon commander Dmitri "Arrow" Arogapoulos, is stalwart, yet troubled with questions about his own identity and sexuality. As the six march across Baghdad, their complicated histories, hopes, and fears are told in a chorus of voices that merge into a powerful portrait of the modern war zone and the deepest concerns of us all, military and civilian alike. Moving, thoughtful, funny, and smart, *Brave Deeds* is a gripping story of combat and of brotherhood, and an important addition to the oeuvre of contemporary war fiction"--

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