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My Son is a Marine

Author: Jo Anne Allen

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Reviewer: Bill McDonald – President of the MWSA



MWSA's Readers Choice Award for 2006!

Moving, inspiring, compelling, mystical, spiritual and entertaining! Personally, it was one of the best reading experiences of the year for me. Author, and mother of an Iraq veteran, Jo Anne Allen writes from her heart and it shows in her memoir *"My Son Is A Marine."* It is a joy and a real pleasure to read something uplifting dealing with the Iraq War experience. Even though her book is filled with enough "Kleenex Moments" to make a great soap opera, she never loses her faith in life.

Her moving words about her son and his friends are touching and healing. This book would be good spiritual medicine for those with children in a war zone; or whose own lives have been challenged by having to carry some of life's burdens. Jo Anne is not some simple minded "Pollyanna" but a faithful and very much human being, who is trying to cope and deal with her life under some extraordinary circumstances.

I found myself rooting for her and her family throughout the pages of this book. It is one of those stories that you are glued to as soon as you begin and must continue reading through to the end. I read it the first morning I got the book – I could not put it down until I was done with it.

This is not your normal *"I got a son in the war story"* by any measure. It is something very special. I believe it will help bring people back to their own spiritual roots. It will change lives and make people different in a very positive way.

This is the MWSA's winner of **"The Reader's Choice Award"** for 2006! I give this book our top rating of **FIVE STARS! A must read book!!!**

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