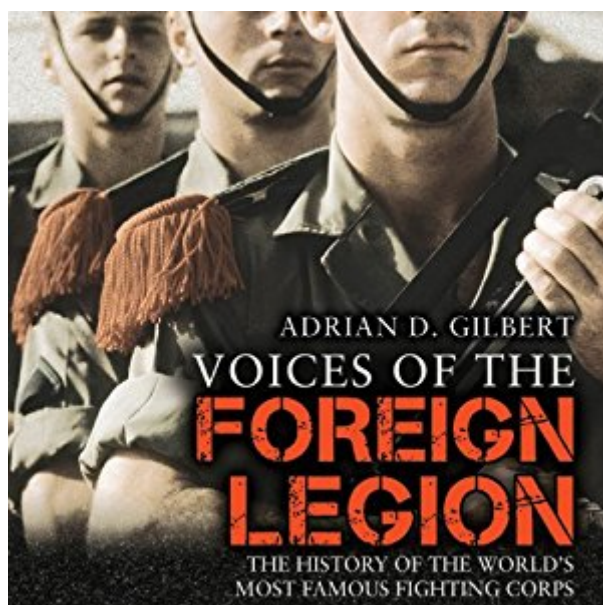


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Voices Of The Foreign Legion: The History Of The World's Most Famous Fighting Corps



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From the archives of the British War Museum, a complete history of the most exciting and brutal fighting force in the world. The French Foreign Legion has established a reputation as the most formidable of military forces. Created as a means of protecting French interests abroad, the legion spearheaded French colonialism in North Africa during the nineteenth century. Accepting volunteers from all parts of the world, the legion acquired an aura of mystery-and a less than enviable reputation for brutality within its ranks. Attracting recruits from all over the world, these new soldiers explain in their own words why they submitted themselves to such brutal training. Voices of the Foreign Legion looks at how the legion selects its recruits, where they come from, and why they seek a life of incredible hardship and danger. It also analyzes the legion's strict attitude toward discipline, questions why desertion is a perennial problem, and assesses the legion's military achievements since its formation in 1831. Its scope ranges from the conquest of the colonies in Africa and the Far East, through the horrors of the two World Wars, to the bitter but ultimately hopeless battles to maintain France's imperial possessions.

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This book is compiled from the testimonies of men who served in The Legion. It does not continue the legends associated with this unit. Legends are often salted with hyperbole and imagination. The real Legion makes hyperbole inadequate and unnecessary. This book reveals the men, not super heroes, just men who are different than most of us. It also covers a lot of history that does not appear in text books. A darn good read.

I have been a FFL devotee since I read "Beau Geste". This is a very good book since it takes the stories of actual legionnaires and allows them to speak candidly and directly about their experiences in this most famous military unit.

This might well be a good book, but the audio edition is DREADFUL, the narrator does a serious disservice to the story. I was looking for an audio book about the legion for a long road trip, this guy sounds like he has an elementary reading level. Just listen to the sample, I wouldn't download it for free, and wants fifteen bucks for it! Please, for the love of God, find someone better to narrate this story!

Unexpected and very interesting

Good read very informative

Interesting book but it is made up from excerpts and quotations from other authors books about the ffl. I would know cause i read a few of them. I was essentially reading material i had read before. Lame and a waste of time. I wanted to read original material.

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