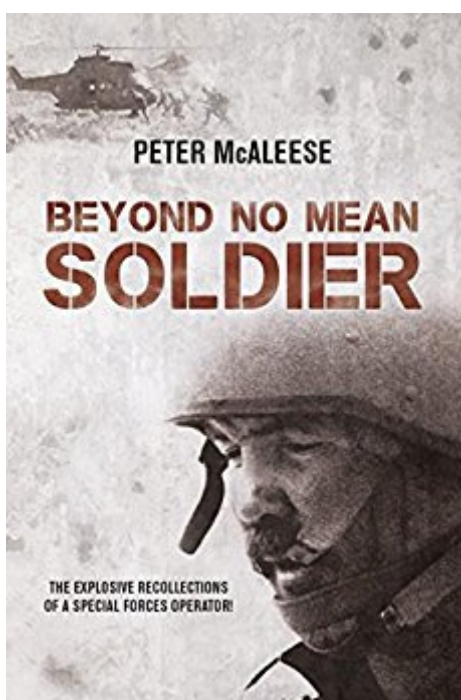


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Beyond No Mean Soldier: The Explosive Recollections Of A Former Special Forces Operator



Synopsis

Peter McAleese needs little introduction... His classic book "No Mean Soldier" was an immediate bestseller and set the bar for the modern military memoir. Few have since met its match. This completely revised and expanded edition sees a philosophical McAleese revisiting his time with Britain's Parachute Regiment, the SAS, Rhodesia's SAS and the South African Defense Force's 44 Para Brigade. Oh, and a few other adventures in and between - Colombia, private military companies and near fatal skydiving accidents; mercenary, soldier of fortune or flawed ideologist? Now's your time to consider this and more - as has McAleese himself. It's a compelling read - and with the addition of previously unpublished photos from McAleese's private collection, there's no other way to describe it. "Beyond No Mean Soldier" does exactly that, going deep and further beyond the experience of "No Mean Soldier". Over many months and into the early hours, McAleese reflected on his wide and expansive experiences - the men he's served with and the operations he'd conducted. Here in startling detail are the Aden insurgency, covert operations with the Rhodesian SAS and one of the first ever operational HALO inserts in British military history. Heart pumping assaults on SWAPO positions with 44 Para's Pathfinder Company and the sheer terror of flawed mercenary operations in Angola with the likes of 'Colonel Callan'; near death in Colombia when an assassination attempt went terribly wrong. McAleese recounts all of this with amazing clarity and even more humility. 'I'm just an ordinary person who happened to find himself doing extraordinary things' he says. Yes, perhaps that's true to a point, but what rides through all of McAleese's narrative is his total commitment to the profession of arms - soldiering. His attention to detail, his consummate knowledge of military skills from field craft to skill at arms; airborne operations to the tactics of small unit SAS operations.... All of this echoed by the commentary of the numerous individuals that served with McAleese. From around the world, dozens have contributed perspective, commentary and reflection. "Pete does not take fools gladly and this is based upon his comprehensive combat experience where idiots will cause casualties" Alistair Mackenzie - Former 22 SAS Officer. "I managed to get myself into some very nasty but also exciting scraps while latching on to the Pathfinders to see how they were shaping up as the so-called 'Philistines'. They did excellently while under fire, proof that Peter's selection and training regime paid high dividends" Colonel Jan Breytenbach - Former Commander 44 Para Brigade Pathfinder Company, Founder 32 Battalion. These are just two of the contributions featured in "Beyond No Mean Soldier". In an age where we debate courage and leadership, it's all here. Go Beyond No Mean Soldier, it will certainly change the way you see soldiering.

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Customer Reviews

Having bought and read McAleese's "No Mean Soldier" (and found it exceptional... not sure without checking if I got it through or MBC), I found this "sequel" to also be exceptional. Aside from covering some new situations, it also fills in some gaps in prior situations discussed elsewhere. If you are in to this type material, I would strongly recommend this book.

"Beyond No Mean Soldier" by Peter McAleese (Oct. 2015), paperback, nice high-quality glossy 287 pgs; publ. by "Helion & Co. Ltd." and "GG Books UK" in England. In a note apparently from the publishers, this book is a "completely revised and expanded edition" of his 1993 classic "No Mean Soldier". This book is essentially the author's biography with many photos of himself in various military-attire settings. The author was born on 7 Sept. 1942 in Glasgow, Scotland.. At 17, the author joined a Parachute Regiment in March 1960 for a nine-year hitch. Two years later he joined the SAS (Special Air Service) and went for jungle training in Malaya, and later trained with U.S. Special Forces at Ft. Bragg, NC for HALO training. During that service he was off-and-on stationed in Aden, Cyprus, Borneo, & Guyana, and provides interesting insights into his tribulations in becoming an exceptional paratrooper. After retiring from the British Army, in 1977 the author joined the Rhodesian army, and in 1980 the South African army. The author discusses his reasons in fighting for these white-minority regimes: to oppose the communist-oriented groups interested in taking over these

countries. During his African service, he recounts his military shootouts with FRELIMO, ZIPRA and ZANLA units. He provides MANY very descriptive details of his engagements, which are not for the faint-of-heart. Leaving the South African army in late 1981, the author joined a private-security firm, engaging in protective services in that country. The author provides many informative insights as to how South Africa's lifestyle changed as white-rule there transferred to a black-majority democracy. The author provides a very bull-dogged recovery story after a May 1984 parachute jump left him with broken bones throughout his body -- it took several years for him to recover well. The author provides a very informative look at a private-security job in Columbia to attack a drug cartel in Casa Verde in late 1988, but the mission was cancelled. Several months later, he returned Cali, Columbia to hunt down the drug king: Pablo Escobar (chapter 12). The author goes into great detail in explaining his preparations in attacking Escobar's well-guarded villa, but while flying in on the initial assault, the pilot of his helicopter flew it into a fog-drenched mountain; again, the author suffered more broken bones, and the mission had to be cancelled. The author displayed grime determination in making another long recovery to walk and work again. In 1991 the author published first book: "No Mean Soldier". A couple of years later, the author landed a job with a Russian private-security firm, where he recounts what it was like trying to avoid encroaching on Russian Mafia businesses. You have seen many biographies with wide margins and large type with much spacing between sentences. Well, in this book, there are almost 500 words on EVERY page! A most impressive read; I highly recommend this book to anyone interested in military adventure -- especially the harrowing life of a "soldier of fortune" as was the author's.

I really enjoyed reading this book "Beyond no mean soldier" Top class and well written, great insights on many levels from a young boy in on tough streets of Glasgow to the British SAS , to SAS Rhodesia, South African Airborne and much more. Peter McAleese a true professional soldier Proud to say been on a few of the same SADF operations in Angola as Peter McLeese. Airborne all the way

Loved it. Knew some RAS 32 Bat commandos.

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