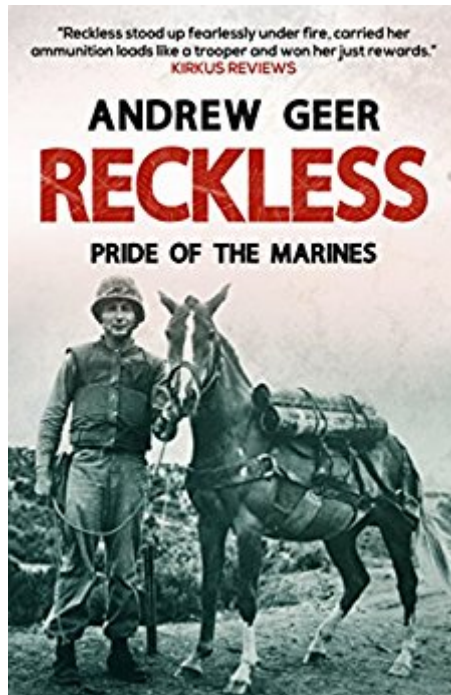




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Reckless: Pride Of The Marines



Synopsis

Reckless: America's greatest equine war hero
New York Times
Reckless was a remarkable war-hero. Born and raised in Korea, Reckless was flame-red, bred from a prize-winning race-horse, and discovered by American soldiers during the Korean War. The battalion of US Marines Reckless was assigned to fell in love with her at once, feeding her Coca Cola and beer as she became one of the guys. Not only did she boost morale, but she saved lives as well, and she was posthumously awarded the Dicken Medal for her bravery during active service. Sergeant Reckless, as she is now known, was a truly remarkable animal. One of Reckless's finest hours came during the Battle of Outpost Vegas in March of 1953. On one day alone during the five-day battle, she made 51 trips from the Ammunition Supply Point to the firing sites. She carried 386 rounds of ammunition, walked over 35 miles through open rice paddies and up steep mountains with enemy fire coming in close to her hooves. She also carried wounded soldiers down the mountain to safety and unloaded them before she reloaded with ammunition and headed off back to battle. Sergeant Reckless retired from the Marine Corps on 10 November 1960 and died (aged 20) on 13 May 1968. She was buried with full military honors at her adopted home of Camp Pendleton, California.
A stalwart, sentimental appeal, for the unreconstructed horse lover old and young
• Kirkus Review
In my career I have seen many animals that have been adopted by Marines, but never in all my experience have I seen one which won the hearts of so many as did this lovely little lady known as Reckless.
• Randolph M. Pate, Lieutenant General, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps, Washington, D. C.
Andrew Geer (1905-1957) wrote *The Sea Chase*, *Canton Airlift* and *Canton Barrier*, as well as *Reckless: Pride of the Marines*, which was first published in 1955.

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Customer Reviews

I found this very interesting telling about Reckless origins and all the changes along the way, her attachments about bravery. Would like to have known more; if she had a colt and what happened at the end. I also think the author should have used a better proofreader as many words were misspelled or out of place. Therese Short

A mix of sadness and joy. Loved it, proud of the men Reckless was associated with, her history, and theirs. Read it straight through. I have never associated with horses, this made me realize how smart horses are and loyal as well.

Very interesting as it covers the era before Sgt. Reckless was born. Intriguing hindsight into Korean occupation by Japanese. "Reckless" was indeed a person, a true marine. Loved the story.

Reckless was a truly heroic animal far beyond anything to be expected, but she was obviously a brilliant horse far beyond most.

This is one of those books that I want a hard copy of. Good reading and for sharing with friends.

The story of a horse used to haul ammunition for the US Marine Corps. during the Korean war. She was a rising star on the racetrack before the war and showed her courage and training under fire during the war. Many Marines claim to owe her their lives because of the ammunition and supplies she delivered to the front lines during the fighting.

When I first commenced reading this book I did not think I would stay with it. But after Reckless

(Flame) was introduced I could not stop reading. The first half is the story of Flame's life as a race horse. The second half is about her career in the U.S.M.C. As a Korean War Vet. I could not put the book down.

Loved this book...have given it to others. Thankyou for writing about Reckless. Wonderful story!

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