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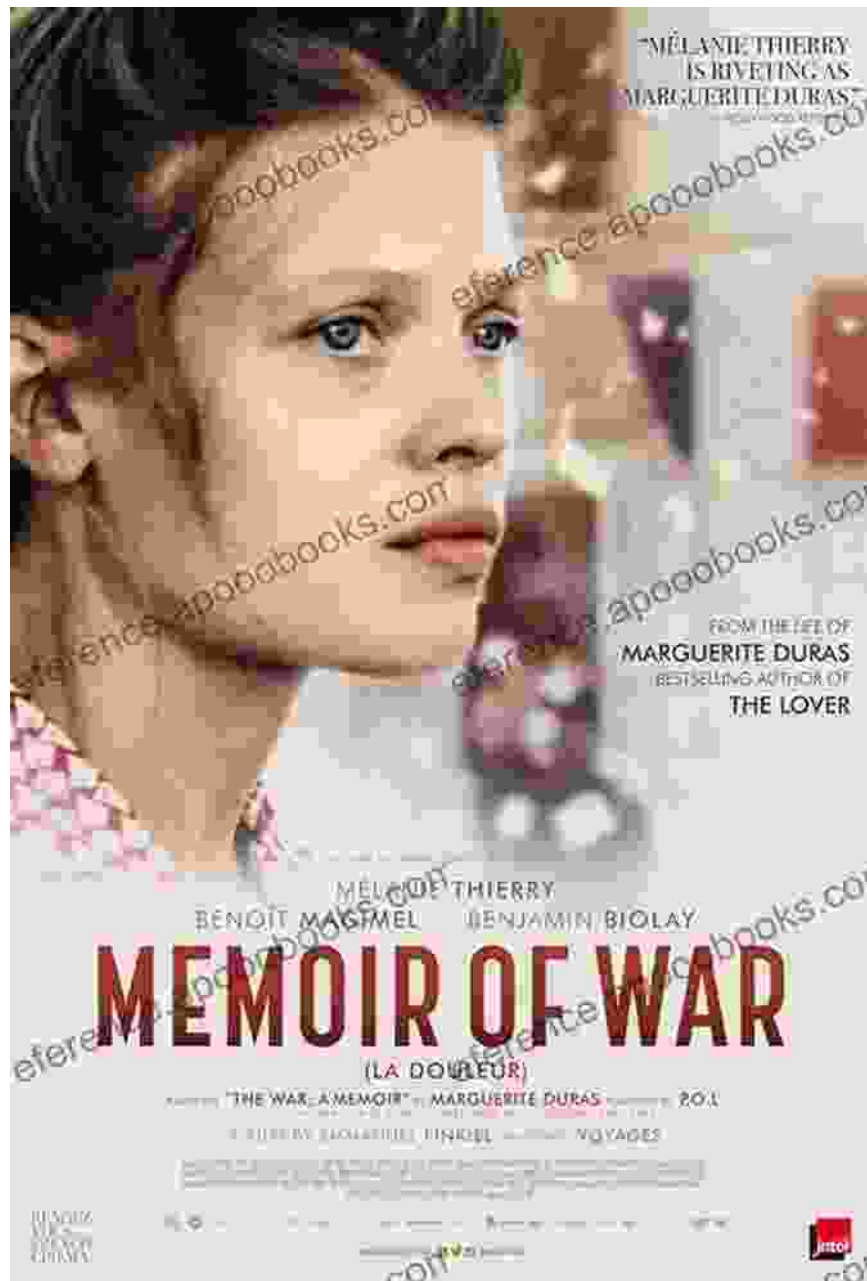
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In his gripping and deeply moving memoir, Musalaheen, Wallace Wang recounts his extraordinary journey as a Chinese-American soldier deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. With raw honesty and unflinching prose, he paints a vivid portrait of the complexities of war, the profound sacrifices made by those who fight, and the enduring trauma it leaves behind.

From his early experiences as a young man searching for his place in the world to his harrowing deployments in the war-torn regions of the Middle East, Wang takes readers on a gripping journey through the highs and lows of his military service. He recounts the intense battles, the camaraderie among fellow soldiers, and the horrors of war that forever changed him.

But *Musalaheen* is more than just a war memoir. It is also a profound exploration of identity, belonging, and the search for reconciliation. As a Chinese-American soldier, Wang grapples with his dual heritage and the complexities of fighting in a war that many in his own community opposed. Through his experiences, he comes to a deeper understanding of his own identity and the importance of bridging divides.

In the aftermath of war, Wang struggles with the lasting effects of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He vividly recounts the nightmares, flashbacks, and feelings of isolation that haunted him after returning home. With courage and determination, he embarks on a journey of healing and recovery, seeking solace in therapy, writing, and connecting with others who have shared similar experiences.

Throughout his memoir, Wang weaves together personal narratives, historical context, and insightful reflections on the nature of war and its impact on individuals and societies. He challenges easy answers, inviting readers to confront the complexities of conflict and the importance of seeking reconciliation in its aftermath.

Musalaheen is a powerful and unforgettable memoir that offers a unique perspective on the human cost of war and the power of forgiveness. It is a story that will resonate with anyone who has been touched by conflict,

struggles with trauma, or seeks to understand the complexities of the human condition.

About the Author

Wallace Wang is a Chinese-American writer, veteran, and advocate for veterans' mental health. He served as an infantry officer in the United States Army and deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. After leaving the military, Wang earned an MFA in creative writing from Columbia University. *Musalaheen* is his first book.

Reviews

"*Musalaheen* is a stunning achievement, a memoir that is both deeply personal and universally resonant. Wallace Wang writes with raw honesty about the horrors of war, the trauma it inflicts, and the search for healing and reconciliation. This is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the human cost of conflict and the importance of forgiveness." — **Viet Thanh Nguyen, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Sympathizer***

"Wallace Wang's *Musalaheen* is a powerful and moving account of one man's journey through war and its aftermath. With unflinching honesty and lyrical prose, Wang explores the complexities of identity, trauma, and the search for reconciliation. This is an essential read for anyone who wants to understand the human cost of war." — **Phil Klay, National Book Award-winning author of *Redeployment***

"*Musalaheen* is a remarkable memoir that offers a unique perspective on the complexities of war, identity, and trauma. Wallace Wang's writing is both deeply personal and universally resonant, and his story will stay with readers long after they finish the book. This is a must-read for anyone

interested in the human cost of conflict and the power of resilience." —
Nadia Hashimi, author of *The Pearl That Broke Its Shell*

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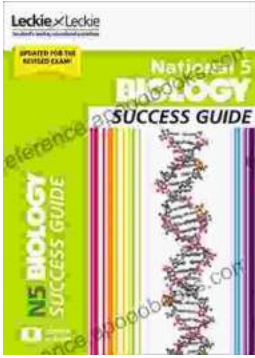


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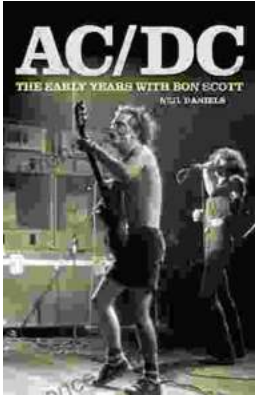
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