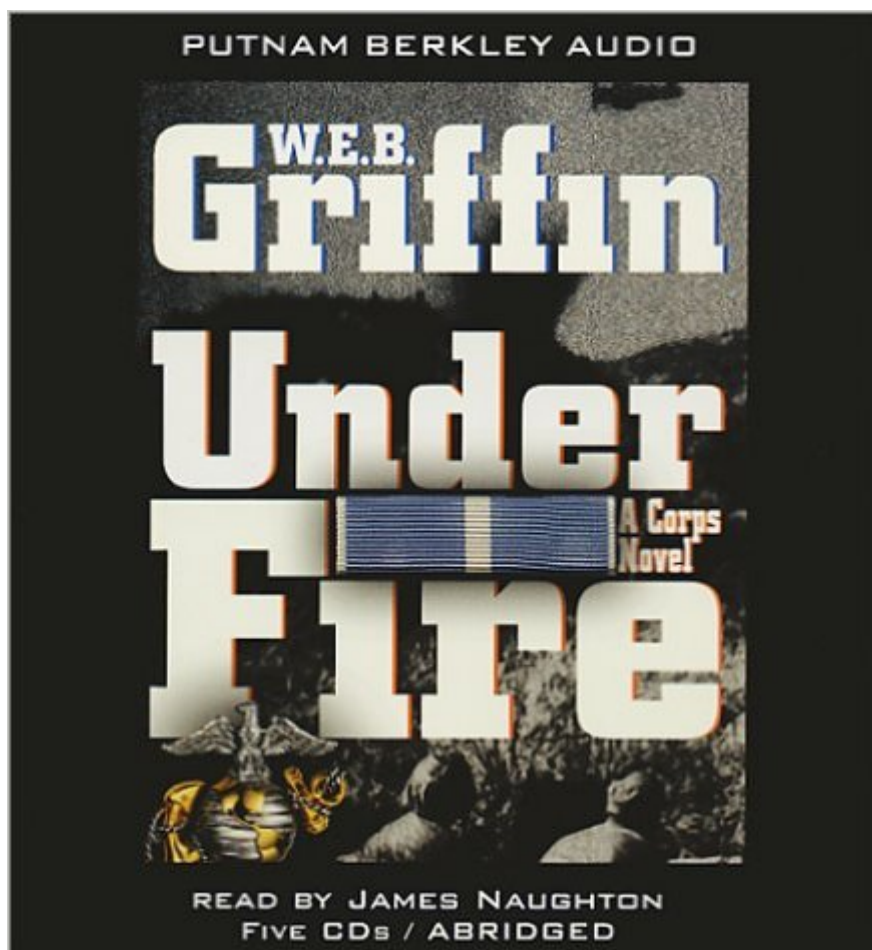


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Whenever a new volume in "The Corps" series is published my life is on hold until I finish reading it. I'm hooked and all of the characters are friends of mine or are people I really dislike. Griffin takes me, holding my hand all the way, to that segment of time when our Marine heroes are saving the world from (fill in the blank) and having fun in the process. This version fit the style and tone perfectly and was oh so well worth my time. But I have one serious complaint--apparently no one at the publishing house read this book before sending it to me. Beginning in the first chapter where our hero Captain (Former Major) "Killer" McCoy is repeatedly identified as Corporal McCoy there were just too many errors and typos. I have read rough drafts with fewer words left out of sentences and

fewer factual errors (Factual errors of the kind that show up in early drafts and are dressed up in the final product--these were never identified). The author got it right but the editors at the publishing house must have been on vacation. I am distressed, disturbed and find myself in disharmony--the publisher owes me an apology for the lack of professionalism they exhibit in this product. Mr. W. E. B. FIRE YOUR PUBLISHER!

I'd be happy to give this book 5 stars if it weren't for one thing. It leaves to many unanswered questions for devotees (and I'm a hardcore fan) of the series. How did McCoy and Pick get out of the Gobi desert? What happened to Jack (NMI) Stecker? Why hasn't the Corps. sent McCoy through college? Where's Charlie Galloway? The questions go on and on. I think the author has skipped a book, and I hope he addresses some of these questions in the next installment. I also hope we don't have to wait another 4 years til it comes out. As for what we do get in this book, it is as compelling a read as the rest of the series. You'd best catch up on your sleep before bringing it home, because it takes 2 days to read, and you can't put it down til the last page.

UNDER FIRE, the 9th book of W.E.B. Griffin's "Corps" series, moves from World War II to the prelude and opening days of the Korean War. As in previous "Corps" and "Brotherhood of War" novels, Griffin uses actual historical events as background while skillfully putting his characters into the action. In UNDER FIRE, he uses the intelligence failure that allowed the North Koreans to mount a surprise attack, and the sad state of our military at that time, as the opening, following with an excellent description of the mauling our troops received during the early days of that war, finishing by using a highly fictionalized account of a little known, but highly successful special operation to clear the Inchon Approach Islands of North Korean troops prior to the Inchon Landing. To this end, Griffin uses many of his characters from previous "Corps" novels -- Ken McCoy, Ernie Zimmerman, Fleming Pickering and his daredevil son, "Pick" Pickering, and others. Overall, UNDER FIRE is a "page turner" that offers insight, via Griffin's well developed military fiction writing style, into the beginnings of the Korean War and Korean War special operations.

This novel continues the _The Corps_ series by Griffin by skipping the rest of World War II (whatever for?) and jumping right to Korea. The basic opening premise is that McCoy has predicted the imminent Korean War. No one wants to hear it, so the brass cans him from the Corps... or at least, they plan to. While McCoy, the Pickering's, Ernie, Banning and Macklin are all back and being themselves, the majority of what they do in the book is politicking and interacting rather than wage

war. The timeframe is the retreat to the Pusan perimeter, but not many of the characters are engaged in the combat. Also, they're great characters, and some good new and old ones make appearances, but not as much effort is put into developing the new ones that show up. Too bad; this has always been a Griffin strength. Some are pretty well absent; what happened to Sessions? Rickabee? At least Griffin has taken one criticism to heart: there is no parade of virgins eager for defloration. That was really getting old. The sex and romance in this book is understated and in proper proportion to the story. Hate to say it, but this one feels 'churned out'. I get the sense that Griffin is a little tired of the series--how else to explain the skipping of two years of action-intensive WWII as well as nearly the whole interconflict period? It's still very good compared to much of what's out there, but Griffin has done better (and, in fairness, worse as well) in this and other series. Most Griffin fans will still like it, but it will not rope the reader in by main force as the early *_Corps_* books did.

Yeah 5 stars cause it's a good Griffin read. Lots of research about the Korean War went into the book and I really enjoyed it. FYI I really liked *In Danger's Path* too and I thought *Under Fire* was almost as good. BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO THE REST OF WWII??? Inquiring minds want to know. Perhaps Griffin will fill in the blanks at a later date. Typo's. Hokey Smoke! I don't "proof read" books, I read 'em for fun and most all grammar errors get past me. I certainly don't go looking for typos but PenguinPutnam get a proofer. I think there's at least four reviewers right here that could do a better job than who ever proof read this book. Right after a map in the book a character talks about Korean Cities on the east coast and they are clearly on the west coast. At the start of the book Captain McCoy's quarters are labeled Corporal McCoy. Somebody else caught this too before I posted this review so I don't get credit for it but PenguinPutnam, if I am being annoyed by these glitches you must be driving legions of potential customers nuts!

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