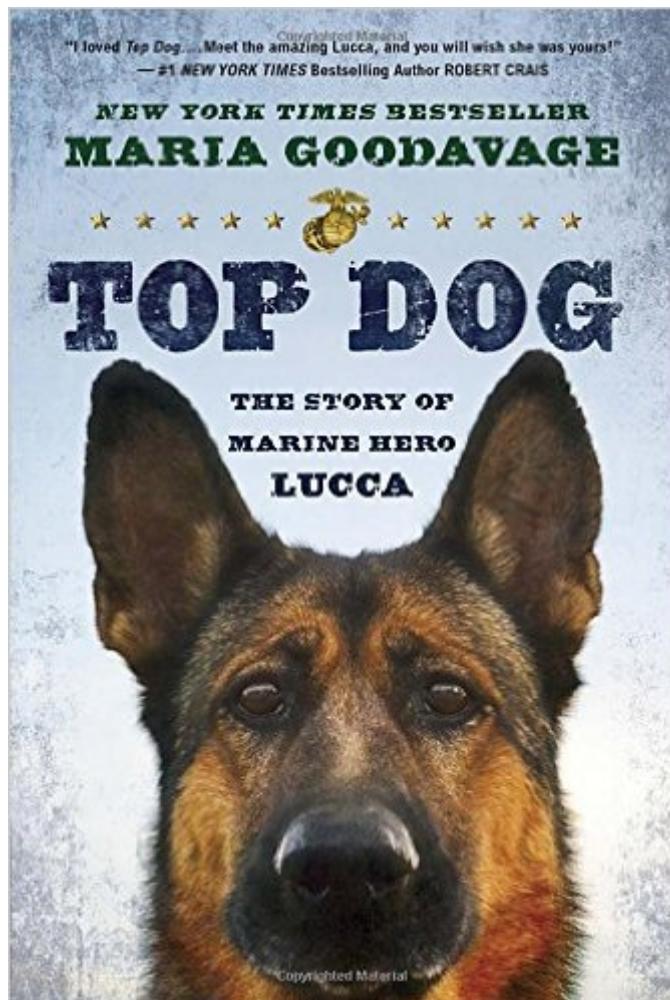


The book was found

Top Dog: The Story Of Marine Hero Lucca



Synopsis

The New York Times bestselling author of *Soldier Dogs* delivers the incredible, true story of K-9 Marine hero Lucca, and the handlers who fought alongside her through two bloody wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Maria Goodavage takes readers into the life of Lucca K458, a decorated and highly skilled military working dog. An extraordinary bond develops between Lucca and Marine Corps dog handlers Chris Willingham and Juan Rodriguez, in what would become a legendary 400-mission career. A specialized search dog, Lucca belongs to an elite group trained to work off-leash at long distances from her handler to sniff out deadly explosives. She served alongside both Special Forces and regular infantry, and became so sought-after that platoons frequently requested her by name. Here, in gritty detail, is the gripping account of Lucca's adventures on and off the battlefields, including tense, lifesaving explosives finds and rooftop firefights, as well as the bravery of fellow handlers and dogs they served with. Ultimately we see how the bond between Lucca and her handlers overcame the endless brutalities of war and the traumas such violence can inflict. *Top Dog* is a portrait of modern warfare with a heartwarming and inspiring conclusion that will touch dog lovers and the toughest military readers.

Book Information

Paperback: 320 pages

Publisher: Dutton (September 1, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0451467108

ISBN-13: 978-0451467102

Product Dimensions: 5.4 x 0.7 x 8.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.9 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (276 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #291,008 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #242 inÂ Books > History > Military > Afghan War #287 inÂ Books > History > Military > United States > Veterans #303 inÂ Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Pets & Animal Care > Essays

Customer Reviews

It seems fitting that this review of *Top Dog* (Luccaâ™s story) coordinate with Veteranâ™s Day. After all, Lucca and her handlers, Willingham and Rodriguez, are heroes worth honoring. I first learned of NY Times bestselling author Maria Goodavage because of my love for dogs (as she used to run Dogster.com). We chatted a few times by email. Not only had I written a dog-themed

devotional and a series of dog rescue stories, but I was working on a novel whose protagonist was a former Marine turned single mom who was beginning a contract military working dog and police dog training business. Goodavageâ™s first book, *Soldier Dogs*, was a must read for me and not only did I find it riveting, it also solidified some of my research and knowledge about military working dogs. So, when she announced the release of *Top Dog*, I knew I had to read it, too. And Iâ™m so glad I did. *Top Dog* is the story of Lucca, a four-legged warrior. Lucca is a German shepherd-Belgian Malinois mix who is partnered with Marine Staff Sergeant Chris Willingham. Their attachment goes soul-deep from training to the trenches. The two are inseparable and work in tandem amid the dangers of battle, trying with all their resources to save lives and knowing not every effort will have a successful outcome. Goodavageâ™s writing connects us immediately with Willingham and Lucca. We feel the camaraderie between them. It beats like one heart as the two move through one adventure after another during two deployments. When Goodavage takes us into combat with them, the inherent danger and tension are tooth-grinding. Thankfully, she intersperses the reality of battle with brief respites of praise, recognition and fun. Never do we doubt Willinghamâ™s commitment nor Luccaâ™s loyalty, obedience and drive to please.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Top Dog: The Story of Marine Hero Lucca Marvel Super Hero Coloring Book: Super hero, Hero, book, Wolverine, Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, X-men, Defenders, Illuminati, Fantastic Four, ... Comic, Captain America, Groot, DC Comics McGraw-Hill Education: Top 50 ACT English, Reading, and Science Skills for a Top Score, Second Edition (Mcgraw-Hill Education Top 50 Skills for a Top Score) McGraw-Hill Education: Top 50 ACT Math Skills for a Top Score, Second Edition (Mcgraw-Hill Education Top 50 Skills for a Top Score) Dogs: Dog Care- Puppy Care- How To Take Care Of And Train Your Dog Or Puppy (Dog Care, Puppy Care, Dog Training, Puppy Training) The Silence of War: An Old Marine in a Young Marine's War Reckless: The Racehorse Who Became a Marine Corps Hero Marvel Super Heroes Coloring Book: Super hero, Hero, book, Wolverine, Avengers, Guardians of the Galaxy, X-men, Defenders, Illuminati, Fantastic Four, ... Human Torch, Comic, Captain America, Groot, Supergirl at Super Hero High (DC Super Hero Girls) Super Hero High Yearbook! (DC Super Hero Girls) Wonder Woman at Super Hero High (DC Super Hero Girls) GoPro Camera: An Advanced Guide For Mastering GoPro Hero 3+ Cameras (GoPro Camera, GoPro Camera Books, GoPro Camera Hero) The Dog Who Could Fly: The Incredible True Story of a WWII Airman and the Four-Legged Hero Who Flew at His Side Dog Training: The Complete Dog Training Guide for a Happy, Obedient, Well Trained Dog Australian Cattle Dog Calendar - Only Dog Breed Australian Cattle Dogs Calendar - 2016 Wall calendars - Dog Calendars - Monthly Wall

Calendar by Avonside Newfoundland Calendar - Newfoundland Dog Calendar - Dog Breed Calendars 2017 - Dog Calendar - Calendars 2016 - 2017 wall calendars - 16 Month Wall Calendar by Avonside Bernese Mountain Dog Calendar - Dog Breed Calendars 2017 - Dog Calendar - Calendars 2016 - 2017 wall calendars - 16 Month Wall Calendar by Avonside Good Dog, Bad Dog, New and Revised: Dog Training Made Easy Shooter: The Autobiography of the Top-Ranked Marine Sniper Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond Between a Marine and His Military Working Dog

[Dmca](#)