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## **Gripping New Journal Follows a Young Female Soldier in Iraq**

***In the Company of Soldiers* by Melia Meichelbock is the stunning account of a woman's real-life service in Iraq**

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, Calif. – *In the Company of Soldiers*, a new book by Melia Meichelbock, chronicles the author's struggles as a soldier and a woman while serving in the U.S. Army in northern and central Iraq.

The war in Iraq is always in the news. But while the media has presented many stories of male soldiers, the war from the perspective of a female is not often heard. All that is about to change. Melia Meichelbock's *In the Company of Soldiers* is a brutal, honest and from-the-hip account of her time serving her country in Iraq.

Deployed directly to Baghdad, Meichelbock soon found herself in a battalion where she knew no one and served under a commander being investigated for misconduct. Sent on jobs for which she had no training or experience, the author soon found a comfort zone through her work, village visits and the few friends she managed to make.

Brave, bold and unerringly honest, Meichelbock's journal gives soldiers and laypeople alike a you-are-there perspective on life as an American soldier in Iraq. As one of the few women allowed on the front lines and sent to mix with Iraqi locals, Meichelbock's viewpoint is as revelatory as it is gripping. As timely as the evening news, this journal should be required reading for anyone interested in the Iraq war.

For more information or to request a free review copy, members of the press can contact the author at [info@companyofsoldiers.com](mailto:info@companyofsoldiers.com) or visit [www.companyofsoldiers.com](http://www.companyofsoldiers.com). *In the Company of Soldiers* is available for sale online at Amazon.com, BookSurge.com, and through additional wholesale and retail channels worldwide.

### ***About the Author***

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