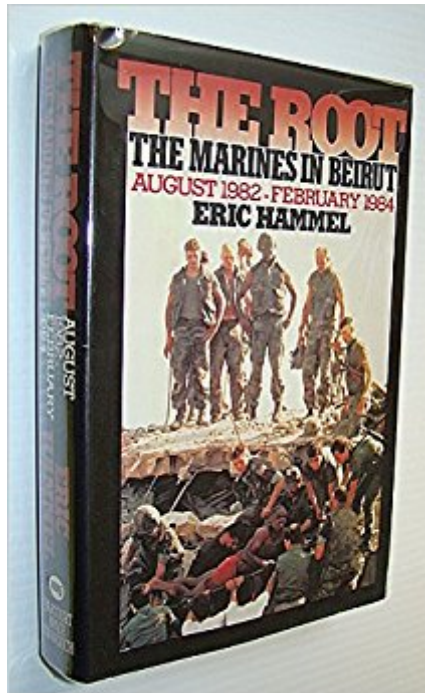




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# The Root: The Marines In Beirut, August 1982-February 1984



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Placing particular emphasis on the August through October 1983 period, "The Root, " written from the viewpoint of the Marines who fought in Beirut, offers a "detailed account of individual rescue efforts (that) is intensely graphic . . . first-hand and realistic" ("New York Tribune"). --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

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Leatherneck, October 2005 ["...a captivating account that leads up to one of the darkest days in Marine Corps history, or American history for that matter, and its aftermath."](#) --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Eric Hammel is a critically acclaimed military historian and author of more than thirty combat and pictorial histories, including the extremely popular Iwo Jima: Portrait of a Battle (Zenith Press 2006). He lives in Northern California. --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Really quite good as I was researching this event for my own work... this is basically unknown today and it not taught about in high schools and colleges. Also instructive and it is proof that the staging of "atrocities" for propaganda purposes and hiding weapons and launching weapons from within civilian areas in contravention of decency and human rights despite all the propaganda to the contrary by biased NGOs is clearly stated in this book. Also the human side in terms of the personalities of the people involved is expertly handled by the author. It can get dry at times, but if you are a military historian or interested in today's Middle East this is well worth reading.

In light of all that our military has had to endure in the last twenty years, it's easy to overlook what occurred in Beirut. Having served two tours there as part of the peacekeeping force, this book helped to fill in much detail and answered many questions I carried with me all these years. If anyone wants to know when the war on terror began, read this book.

This book is extremely well researched but poorly written or edited. The book contains a ton of information but it is not organized in any cogent way. I appreciated all the research and information but, at best, Hammel's story is confusing and hard to follow.

Ahhhhhh where do I begin? This is the book that I should've purchased 20yrs ago! It puts me right back where I began my career as a U. S. Marine! I felt it all come back to me, this book helped me to understand why we were there and also eased some tension that was built up inside of me after 30yrs! A must read for all marines and war buffs!

Excellent. Mr.Hammel once again brings you right to the front lines with superb detail and a disturbing look into how our elected officials lead from afar, making arbitrary decisions that have grave consequences for the men on the ground. A must read for military historians, The Root gives the men who fought and died the recognition they deserve. Some very hard lessons were learned in Beirut, and Mr. Hammel captures the horror of combat and the spirit of the American Fighting Man like no other.5 STARS....ABSOLUTELY!

i was there in 83 and the book doesn't tell the whole story.

The very in-depth and well written account of a conflict that was barely covered at the time and all but forgotten by the current American populace. Before anyone professes to be an expert on how things are in the Middle East, read the complex story of our interaction with Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Druze Militias, and the forebears of Hezbollah. This is not a new book, but the story is very relevant.

Great, wonderful experience from beginning to end.

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