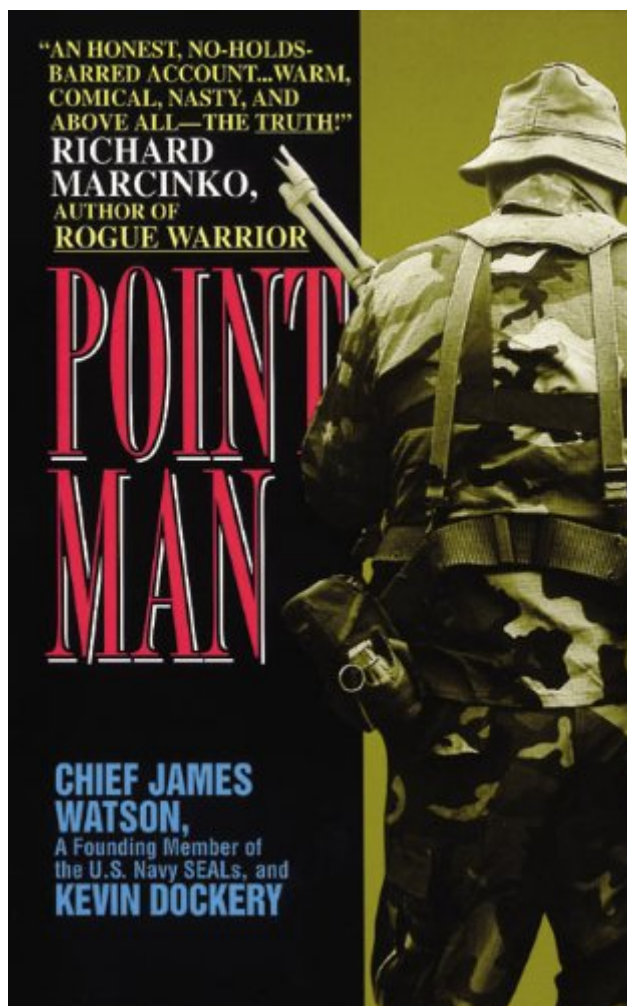




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Synopsis

Chief Petty Officer James "Patches" Watson was there at the start. One of the first to come out of the famed Underwater Demolition Team 21, he was an initial member -- a "plank owner" -- of America's deadliest and most elite fighting force, the U.S. Navy SEALs. Through three tours in the jungle hell of Vietnam, he walked the point -- staying alert to trip wires, booby traps and punji pits, guiding his squad of amphibious fighters on missions of rescue, reconnaissance and demolition -- confronting a war's unique terrors head-on, unprotected . . . and unafraid. This is the story of a hero told from the heart and from the gut -- an authentic tour of duty with one of the most legendary commandoes of the Vietnam War.

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Customer Reviews

A real eye opener to one like me, who really knew little about SEAL action in Vet Nan. I like the story since the missions were written without being flowered up with BS. Almost just like reading a after action report, "Just the facts, mam". What I do not like to read in any book is repeating facts. This book did that a lot. Some items were said more than twice. Example he mentioned a SEAL who

carried and modified a M 60. How it was modified was stated 2 or more times at different points. How his shotgun was modified was also mentioned again and again. As a reader once is great, repeating stuff can take away from the story by thinking I already read this fact is there a reason that now it should be said again. And the answer is normally NO. My hats off to all SEALs past and present. Without men like them this great country would be much less than it is.

This was a really good book about the life of a real Navy Seal. I enjoyed reading about the actual beginning of how the Seals came into existence. The Author was a really brave man. Not many humans can endure all the suffering it takes to train a Seal. Keep up the good work.

Enjoyed reading about the various missions discussed in the book. Heard about James Watson in the book Rouge Warrior by Richard Marcinko. Some of book covers missions that are also in the Rogue Warrior book and it is interesting to read about those from another perspective. Watson's coverage of those missions is less bombastic than in Rouge Warrior. Overall I really liked the book, deducting one star as the writing is a little rough in places.

I've read most of the books dealing with Vietnam SEALs and this book rates right at the top. The author was UDT and "drafted" into the first SEAL team before anyone knew what SEALs would evolve into. "Mrs Watson's Little Boy" was an operator and a CPO and his stories are not to be missed. As a Navy vet I will attest to something every Navy vet knows.....the chiefs run the Navy. No career-minded officer has a chance at making it 20 years without good chiefs (CPOs) in his corner. The author is one such man. Hard book to put down so don't start reading this expecting to fall asleep 20 minutes later. I couldn't put it down and am planning a reread in the near future. You won't be disappointed.

I thought this was a well written, exciting book with lots of detail. I learned a lot about early SEAL training that I didn't know before. His battle experiences were also very detailed with one exception; when on his first mission to rescue POWs, his helicopter was shot down and that entire story was told in one sentence! Wish he had given more details on that mission, but other than that I thoroughly enjoyed his book. I hope to someday visit the SEAL museum and perhaps get to meet Mr. Watson. Thank you for your service, sir!

Great book by someone that was there.

Awesome writing and spot on...War is no fun at all read this and you'll understand

The was well written

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