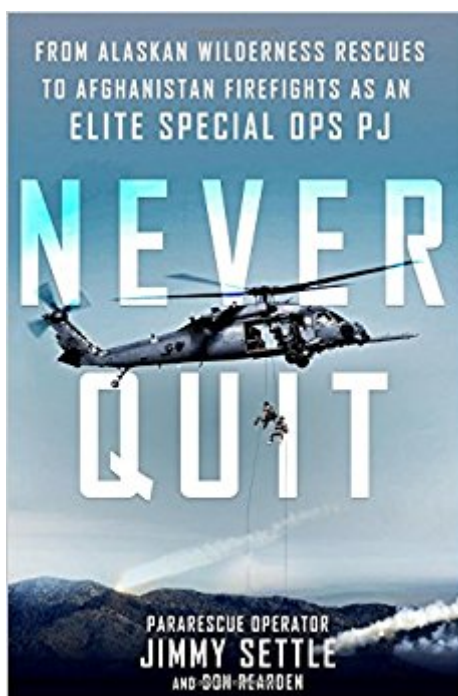


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Never Quit: From Alaskan Wilderness Rescues To Afghanistan Firefights As An Elite Special Ops PJ



Synopsis

“That Others May Live” is a mantra that defines the fearless men of Alaska’s 212th Pararescue Unit, the PJs, one of the most elite military forces on the planet. Whether they are rescuing citizens injured and freezing in the Alaskan wilderness or saving wounded Rangers and SEALs in blazing firefights at war, the PJs are the least known and most highly trained of America’s warriors. *Never Quit* is the true story of how Jimmy Settle, an Alaskan shoe store clerk, became a Special Forces Operator and war hero. After being shot in the head during a dangerous high mountain operation in the rugged Watapur Valley in Afghanistan, Jimmy returns to battle with his teammates for a heroic rescue, the bullet fragments stitched over and still in his skull. In a cross between a suicide rescue mission and an against-all-odds mountain battle, his team of PJs risk their lives again in an epic firefight. When his helicopter is hit and begins leaking fuel, Jimmy finds himself in the worst possible position as a rescue specialist—forced to leave members from his own team behind. Jimmy will have to risk everything to get back into the battle and bring back his brothers. From death-defying Alaskan wilderness training, wild rescues, and vicious battles against the Taliban and Al Qaeda, this is an explosive special operations memoir unlike any that has come before, and the true story of a man from humble beginnings who became an American hero.

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JIMMY SETTLE is an accomplished Pararescue Specialist in the Air Force, now retired. He was awarded a Purple Heart and an Airman's Medal and with commendations for Valor in Afghanistan. He is credited for saving 38 lives, and assisting in 28 others in combat, and others in the Alaskan wilderness. He lives outside of Seattle. DON REARDEN is a professor, a produced screenwriter, and the author of The Washington Post Notable novel, *The Raven's Gift*. He lives in Anchorage, Alaska.

Wow! I couldn't put it down! Jimmy Settle is what is RIGHT with America. Strength, courage, humility, dedication. I literally read this book non-stop in two days! I haven't read a book this inspiring ever. I would give it six stars if I could. I bought extra copies to give my friends and family

as gifts! Really Amazing young man.

This book was a page-turner, and a fabulous read. This is an inspirational story that spans across all ages and audiences, from teens contemplating what their future can hold to retired Veterans or military servicemen & women who are exclusive in understanding the sacrifice and brotherhood that comes with war. If no one has ever heard of a PJ, this is the book explains the excruciating training and heroic rescues they are tasked with at a moments notice in combat and for civilians who need rescue. Thank you 212, and thank you Jimmy and your comrades who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that "others may live." I can't wait to get my paperback copies signed by both you and Don Rearden, as well as encourage all my family and friends to read about the life and adventures of Jim Settle!

Whether they want to own the title or not, PJs are heroes. Selflessly giving of themselves "so that others may live". Yet they don't get the attention they deserve. Everyone knows about SEALs, Rangers, and Green Berets. People call them heroes and role models. But everyone needs a hero, and those guys have PJs to look up to.

Great book! Gives the reader a great understanding and appreciation of what it takes to become a PJ. It also sends a great message of the "never quit". When faced with adversity and moments that seem like quitting is the only option or the easiest option, the author doesn't. Well, written and the reader can find inspiration throughout the book. Now go read it!

An amazing chronicle of Settle's journey through the pipeline & into Afghanistan. This is an amazing look into some of our most quiet professionals you'll never hear much about: the Air Force PJ. This an excellent read. Thank you Airman Settles!

Hard to put down. Really enjoyable read. A true American hero! Amazing how intense and grueling the pipeline is for PJs, this book gave an inside glimpse of the many schools and endless hours of training need to be a part of this elite group.

I have read many books by Navy SEAL and several on PJs, all of which seem to have something different to offer. Settle delivers by offering an even more unique perspective. The book offers important life lessons, plenty of humor and of course remarkable stories of courage. Never Quit is

an appropriate title because this guy just finds a way to keep going despite the odds and circumstances. A very inspiring story.

This is a great read and an amazing story. From the beginning to the end, it was almost like being in the pipeline with Jimmy. It is amazing what these special teams go through for training, but as Jimmy points out as bad as the training seems it still doesn't fully prepare you when you achieve your goal or go into battle. I admire Jimmy for keeping his focus on the goal despite physical and mental setbacks. Jimmy is an example that having laser focus on your goal can get you through almost anything. It will most likely not be easy and there will be several obstacles in your way, but keeping your focus you can reach it. I recommend this book for anyone who is worried they can't reach their goal. Thank you Jimmy and thank you all who serve and do what you do.

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