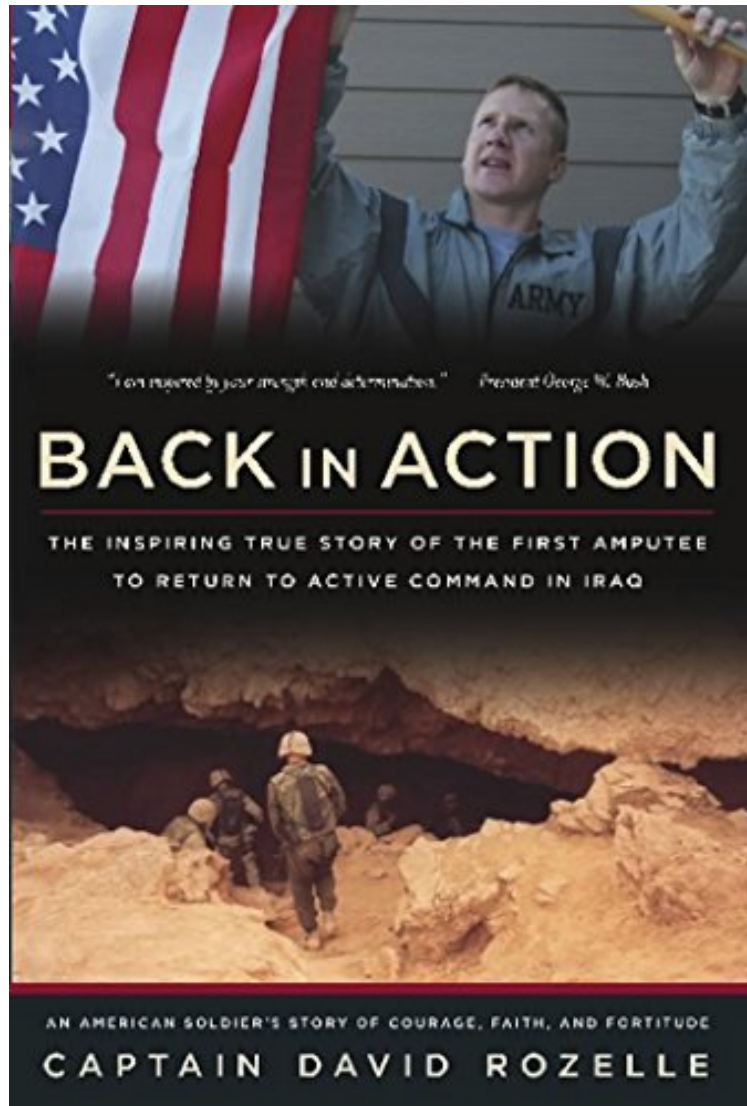


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11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. I have had a terrible time rating this book.....By R. Bartlettand I'm not sure I've done justice, or injustice, by it with 4 stars.On one hand I see the book as written for the

general public's reading level. It reads like a romance novel much of the time, especially the first half. I think this book may be better-liked by women. I don't mean that as a "put-down" in any way. I mean there is far more about his relationship with his wife than about Iraq. In spite of its title, "Back in Action", it is NOT an action story, and certainly not a thriller. However, it is a look into the life of an army couple who give more for their country than their critics have ever even considered. Does it inspire? That depends on who you are. If you are like the left wing radical R. J. Pooley Jr. "eyes open", whose ignorant criticism of the book reflects not only his political bias, but his callousness toward disabled heroes, the answer is a resounding "NO". There will be many cowards and weakling critics among the left, like R. J. Pooley Jr. "eyes open", who will use their review as a platform to spew their political garbage. If you truly love your country; if you have had prolonged absences from your spouse and children, due to either military or civilian service for your country, you will be far more understanding. The book is about soul-searching, not war. It is about relationships, not political intrigue; and it is about love, courage, devotion to duty, and a strength a critic like R. J. Pooley Jr. "eyes open" cannot understand. It is far beyond these type of people to understand someone stronger and more courageous than they are. Unless you are tainted by hate, anger, political bias, and just plain ignorance, you will be touched by the description of the physically handicapped and how so many of them overcome terrible disabilities and become as successful, or more successful, and certainly more praiseworthy, than those who stayed home and criticized. And, if you have the slightest bit of patriotism in your soul you will be touched by the soldier's devotion, not only to his country, but to his fellow soldier, and the United States Army.

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The Inspiring True Story of the First Amputee to Return to Active Command in Iraq... In *Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith, and Fortitude*, Captain David Rozelle tells the whole gripping story: from the day he had to tell his pregnant wife that he was going to war (Valentine's Day 2003) and deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, to the fateful day four months later when a land mine tore off his right foot and beyond, through months of agonizing rehabilitation to his final triumphant recertification as "Fit for Duty."

From the Inside Flap They put a price on his head. They did everything they could to disrupt his mission. Finally, when an anti-tank mine tore off his right foot, the warriors of jihad in Iraq thought they had neutralized one of their most resourceful, determined foes. They were wrong. Refusing to let his injury stop him, Captain David Rozelle roared back into action, returning to Iraq as commander of an armored cavalry troop. He became the first amputee in recent military history to resume a dangerous command on the same battlefield. In *Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith, and Fortitude*, Rozelle tells the whole gripping story: from the day he had to tell his pregnant wife that he was going to war (Valentine's Day 2003) and deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom, to the fateful day four months later when a land mine tore off his right foot and beyond, through months of agonizing rehabilitation to his final triumphant recertification as "Fit for Duty." Rozelle, who has been awarded the Bronze Star with Valor and the Purple Heart, speaks with brisk frankness about his post-amputation battles and the gritty determination that saw him through. He recounts his inspiring battle through rehabilitation, as he learned to walk with a prosthetic foot and did his utmost to prove he still had the stuff to be a soldier: completing five sprint-distance triathlons, an Olympic-distance triathlon, the New York City Marathon, and skiing, snowboarding, and mountain climbing through Disabled Sports USA. It's an astonishing story of courage, determination, heroism, and bedrock patriotism. "Every now and again," says Rozelle, "I would get the standard, That is horrible. How do you feel about the war?" The fearless captain would respond: "How do you feel about your freedom? If you aren't willing to die for it, then you aren't American." David Rozelle was willing to die for freedom, and he is still willing to put his life on the line for it, despite the injury he has already suffered. *Back in Action* is a stirring reminder of the commitment every American should have to the cause of freedom, if we hope to continue to enjoy that freedom. It's an extraordinary and inspiring story of devotion to duty overcoming all obstacles.

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