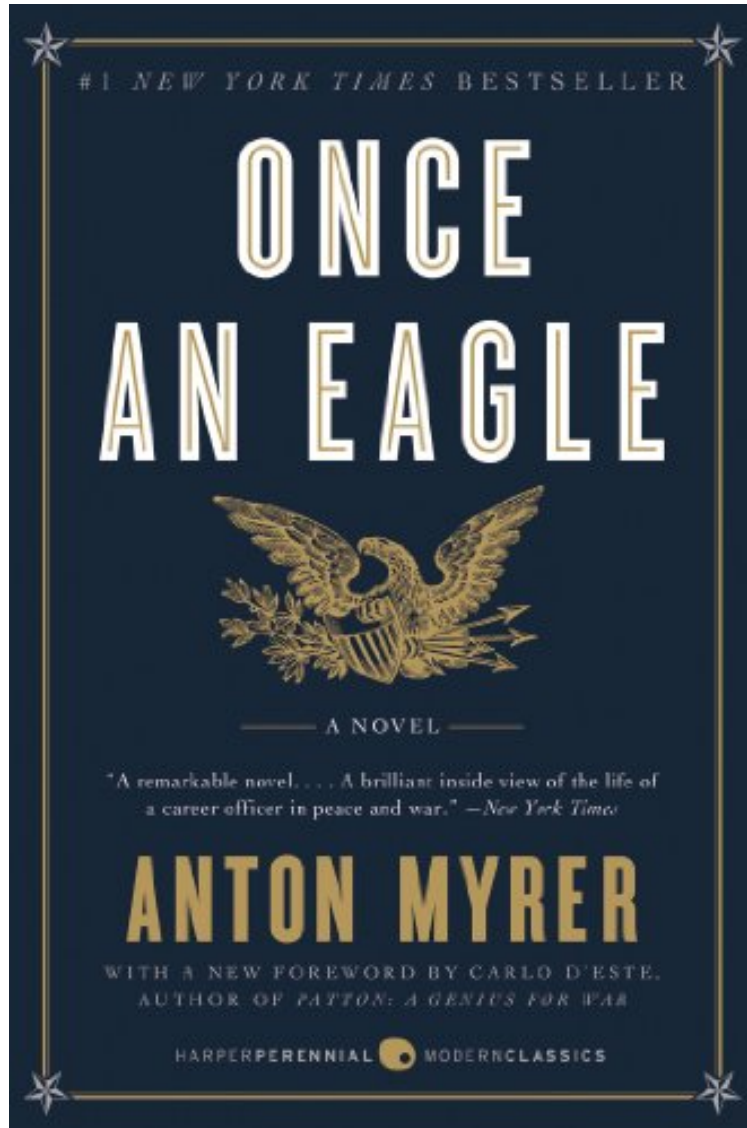


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Professionals and CareeristsVon Kevin F. KileyThere is one purpose for the existence of a professional military organization. That purpose is to engage in warfare, when necessary, to defend the nation. Peacetime, which unfortunately is usually just a breathing space between wars and lesser fights, should be spent training and preparing for the next go-round.Once An Eagle brings that fact of life chillingly home to roost. I first read this excellent novel in

the 1970s and I have reread it many times and learned more from the book each time. It also served me well throughout my military service as a Marine artilleryman. The main character is a composite, a combination of Woodfill from War I to Eichelberger in War II. The author has caught the essence of both military service and the military life, even though he salts the dialogue with Marine terms instead of the corresponding 'Army talk.' The characters are real, the battles were actually fought, both on the battlefield and off (the off battlefield ones, unfortunately are still being waged and not always for the 'good of the service'), even though a good part of the fight in France during War I was taken liberally from the book *Fix Bayonets!* Artistic license is both acceptable and valuable, especially in this case. Soldiers, not carpet knights, win the nation's wars. Unfortunately, they will still have to be waged, fought, and won. This excellent volume makes the distinction between the soldier and the courtier, and what the country needs to defend itself. One retired Marine officer who is also a prolific author of Marine Corps lore, has termed these two types of officers 'lions and lambs'-the distinction should be obvious to the casual observer and reader. This book should not only be required reading for every military professional, but also for the politicians who are their civilian masters and who send them into harm's way.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Once An Eagle - The finest book I've ever read...and read..! Von Ein Kunde Literally the only non text book I read in four years of college...I've probably read it 5 times since. I've since worn out that first copy and I continue on another. Myrer has written, quite simply, the finest modern American war novel. Damon's (Myrer's) prayer for strength in leadership ("...let me not fail them...") was on my desk or wall or wallet in every leadership or staff position I had for all my years of military service, as was his statement that a man must be prepared for the awful shrieking moment when he knows he may die on a lonely hilltop 10,000 miles from home. I made my lieutenants read and discuss the book, named my tank 'Sad Sam' after Damon (my XO's tank was 'The Wolverine' after Ben Krisler) and had it been in print in the late '80s would have had my students buy it as their leadership primer. When he is old enough, I will ask my son to read it. Composed of the traits of fine American officers and sergeants, Sam Damon's life is a rich tapestry filled with great success and great failure. That is the magic of Anton Myrer, he created a character who was truly believable. His protagonist, Massengale, is just as real - and he exists today in one or more arm chair senior officers. I've met him, as have others. A must read for all leaders, military or civilian...truly one of the finest examples of modern tragedy that anyone could write. I salute the memory of Anton Myrer...it was an honor to have read his work and known him through Sam Damon!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not Just War, but a World and a Code of Conduct Von Susan Shwartz Many years ago, my father, a captain at the Battle of the Bulge who was tremendously proud of his service, but never spoke of it, found me examining his copy of *ONCE AN EAGLE*. The book vanished -- his way of sparing me. I did not wish to be spared. A visit to the US Army War College and a recommendation by MG Edward Atkeson inspired me to buy *ONCE AN EAGLE* and to realize that this was the same book I had investigated as a teen. Coming to it as an adult, a writer, and a civilian scholar, I know what I'm reading: one of the greatest novels of the twentieth century, possibly in the English language. It's an extravagant claim to compare it to *WAR AND PEACE*, but I think it's a claim that may stand the test of time. Here is a whole world: not just the men who fought and fight, but the men and women who support or oppose them. Here are not just nations in conflict, but values. And here is what we all want and need: a clear moral choice as exemplified by Sam Damon, mustang, straight-arrow, MOH winner, who made not war, but duty, honor, and country his career (though he never went to West Point) before entering his last war. I am grateful to the War College for reprinting *ONCE AN EAGLE* and hope that, once again, civilians will also read it as they did upon its initial printing. At a time when an immense, post-Vietnam gap exists between US military and US civilians, the work of Anton Myrer, the Harvard man who was a gentlemen ranker on Guam, is very necessary. And I would like to thank the other reviewers here on (whose work I found very moving) for their reviews, certainly, but -- much more important -- for their service to our country.

Kurzbeschreibung Once an Eagle is simply the best work of fiction on leadership in print. General Martin E. Dempsey, 18th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Required reading for West Point and Marine Corps cadets, *Once An Eagle* is the story of one special man, a soldier named Sam Damon, and his adversary over a lifetime, fellow officer Courtney Massengale. Damon is a professional who puts duty, honor, and the men he commands above self-interest. Massengale, however, brilliantly advances by making the right connections behind the lines and in Washington's corridors of power. Beginning in the French countryside during the Great War, the conflict between these adversaries solidifies in the isolated garrison life marking peacetime, intensifies in the deadly Pacific jungles of World War II, and reaches its treacherous conclusion in the last major battleground of the Cold War Vietnam. Now reissued with a new foreword by acclaimed historian Carlo D'Este, here is an unforgettable story of a man who embodies the best in our nation and in us all..

deAmerica's fighting men have turned to *Once an Eagle* as a sourcebook for the military's core values since its publication at the height of the Vietnam War. The novel, following the careers of virtuous Sam Damon and opportunistic Courtney Massengale, is required reading for all members of the United States Marine Corps and frequently taught in leadership courses at West Point.

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