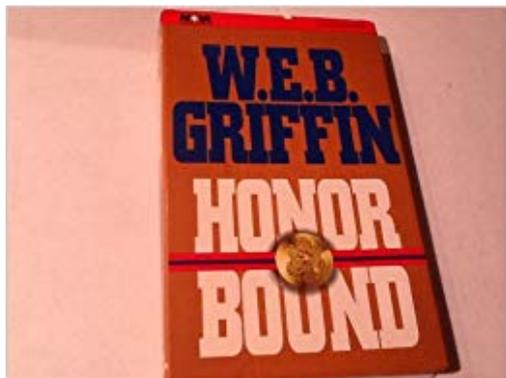


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Bestselling author W.E.B. Griffin has captivated readers with his electrifying saga of the Marine Corps. Now he presents his most powerful story of World War II - a desperate mission in the farthest reaching shadows of Nazi power... October 1942. At a secret rendezvous point off the coast of neutral Argentina, a small merchant ship delivers supplies to Nazi submarines and raiders. The OSS is determined to sabotage the operation by any means necessary. But one of the key saboteurs they've enlisted - a young U.S. Marine - must fight his own private battle between duty and honor. Because he was chosen for a reason - to gain the trust and support of his own flesh and blood. A powerful Argentinian called "el Coronel." The father he never knew...



Reviews of the **Honor Bound** *by* Dick Hill,W.E.B. Griffin

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The Honor Bound series is the third of W.E.B. Griffin's works and incorporates bits and pieces of Brotherhood of War AND The Corps so if the reader has a tingling sense of deja vu it is expected. The primary character is Lt. Cletus Frade - a younger version of Fleming Pickering, a Marine with ZERO intelligence background. But he has several things going for him: he speaks Spanish like a native, his natural father that he hasn't seen since birth is a high ranking Argentine landowner; his grandfather is the principal shareholder in Howell Petroleum - Cletus' "cover", and lastly he has been combat tested, flying wild cats off both Midway and Guadalcanal. He leads a three man team being sent to Argentina to blow up so-called neutral shipping vessels who are replenishing German U-Boats in the mouth of the Platte River. Other members of the team are 2nd Lt Anthony Pelosi, a grandson of one of the "sons" of "Pelosi & Sons Salvage", a demolition company that takes down buildings and an explosives expert & David Ettinger, a European/German Jew of Spanish descent who lost most of his family in concentration camps. The role of "handler" is OSS Deputy Director Col. Alex Graham who during the between war years ran the third or fourth largest railroad-depending on money or trackage - a man of Hispanic descent and a fellow Aggie from Texas A & M.

The story opens as Cletus is recovering from wrecking his fighter on landing and is slated to appear in the first war bond tour, only to be pulled and sent home [his grandfather's home in New Orleans] before heading to Argentina. The relationship between him and his grandfather & his grandfather and natural father form the crux of the major conflict for Cletus as his attempts to complete his mission of preventing the German U-boats from being replenished within Argentine waters. Mr. Griffin is at his best as he weaves the story of the prodigal son returning to the land of his father on a spy mission. Add in the mixture an Argentinean Frank Knox, who only wants what is best for his country; the depravity of Juan Peron; the grief stricken into insanity aunt & banker uncle; the widow, and her two daughters, next door who has been the de facto if not de jure second wife of his father while stirring in a German Baron fighter pilot captain whose father is a mirror of Craig Lowell's father-in-law who was caught trying to blow up Hitler. They are all being chased and dodging the FBI and the SS's three stooges assigned to the U.S. & Argentinean German Embassies and a clever, sardonic story is in the making. The story relates the struggle of a country who finds itself divided and poised on the brink of a civil war; both fear the invasion of communism but must chose between Anglo or Germanic support in the fight - chosing the wrong which is more right.

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This Is the 4th time I've read this complete book set I bought the book when it first came out.

Know I have to buy the books for my Tablet, (so I can enlarge the print). Getting Old.

I have most of WEB Griffin's books that deal with WWII.

They are well written and his use of know facts make they hard to put down.

If you are a buff on WWII, You'll find his books add fiction to facts is worth reading.

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Griffin is a great author & shines here again although I don't think this one is as good as some of his earlier ones (I especially liked The Corp series, maybe because I was in the Corp). Character development is very good and the book is suspenseful with several twists. Most of it is predictable though as this book is the intro to a series so setting & character development is vital for setting the stage for the rest of the series. A very good book , though not Griffins best. RAG

Whitesmasher

A typical good read from Griffin. And a typical plot set up also. All his novels have a common flavor as to the main characters. Rich, charismatic leading men and gorgeous women who can't wait to jump in bed with them and a plot the puts them outside the normal command structure and of course, danger. Should point out one historical error. The Army was flying P400 planes out of Henderson in the early days of the Guadalcanal battle, not P40's. The P400 was a version of the P39, a very poor dog fighting machine. The P40 was the famous Flying Tiger plane sometimes called the War Hawk. Most people would never notice.

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Given the high esteem in which W.E.B. Griffin is held by at least two generations of soldiers, marines, and airmen, one more review for any of his books might well be considered non-relevant window dressing in the extreme. However, I would add just one footnote, if I may.

As a former military officer with 21 years of service, I was not surprised at my own identification with many of Griffin's characters and places. What really impresses me, however, is that my wife has adopted Griffin with a personal fascination that is unmatched for her in the work of any other author of military fiction except Michael Shaara ("Killer Angels" - on the Battle of Gettysburg). Coming from a lady who has early memories of being strafed by night fighters in northern Germany, this is significant testimony to the art of the writer and the depth of his characters. She continues to "inhale" all of Griffin's many books, only the latest of which on her nightstand is the "Honor" series.

As said by others many times before, "well done"...

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This is the first book of a typical Griffin series that is set in Argentina and deals with interactions among Argentina, the United States, and Germany. It is slightly marred by several grammatical errors that the editors didn't correct but is still entertaining.

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