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my now deceased father experienced as one of the 1st Marines in Korea and Chosin. An absolutely excellent book that has fundamentally changed the way I view this Nation, my own not nearly so "forgotten" Army service some twenty years later, the Marines in general, and most importantly the incredible pride I feel towards my father's and his generation's service. This book has a great deal of detail but never drags. During some passages I would actually have to put the book down to soak in the visual images painted by the skilled story teller. To know that the events so described actually took place fills me with awe and wonder. How anyone could survive is amazing. I'm also glad I read this book first, before Lt. J. Owen's "Colder Than Hell," it made that book all the more impactful. If you do not know much about the Chosin area, go to the web and find some of the maps there to go along with your read of "Retreat Hell." I found it very helpful as that is the only area lacking in the book. Thank heavens people like Mr. Wilson have put forth the effort to create such works for future generations to learn about what "service" and "sacrifice" really means.

Chronicles the newly assembled 1st Marine Division's mission to seize the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea, during which they fought treacherous mountains and seven well-armed Chinese regiments. Reissue. AB. "

From Publishers Weekly In Nov.-Dec. 1950, the 1st Marine Division and part of the 7th Army Division were surrounded and vastly outnumbered at the Chosin Reservoir in northeast Korea by Chinese Communist forces, but managed to fight their way to Hungnam where an armada of ships took survivors to safety. Wilson offers a simplified, journalistic version of this complex campaign. Drawing on veterans' reminiscences, he stitches together a traditional gung-ho account of Marine operations but has little to say about the Army battalions whose sacrifice, according to some historians, enabled the Marines to escape. The book is marred by the author's descriptive inadequacies ("Boom!" appears six times on one page, for instance) and excessive reliance on stiff-upper-lip dialogue recalled over a span of nearly four decades. Wilson is photo editor for the Los Angeles Times. Photos. Military Book Club dual main selection. Copyright 1988 Reed Business Information, Inc.