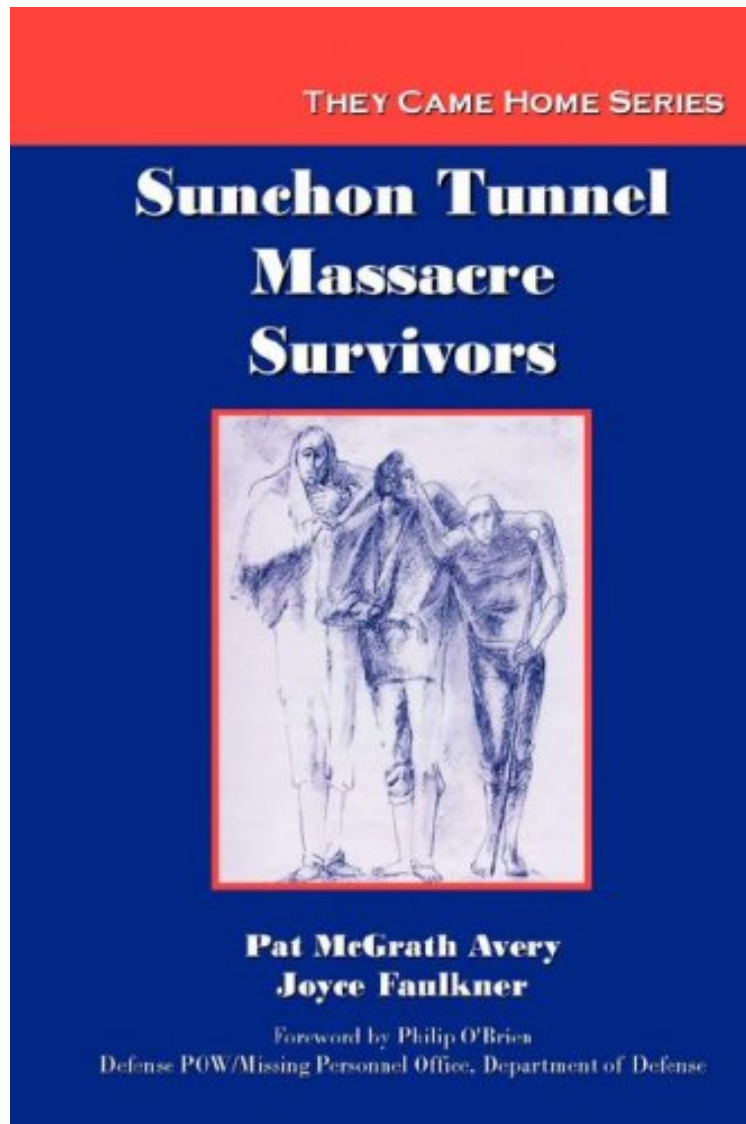


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Pat McGrath Avery, Joyce Faulkner : Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors (They Came Home Series) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors (They Came Home Series):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One Survivor is now gone.....By ChevychikWalt Whitcomb, one of the survivors of this massacre just passed away this week in Redondo Beach, CA. I met Walt and his son David in 1987. He used to do my mother's taxes and was the most wonderful man. I purchased this book from him and he kindly signed it for us (My mother bought one also). He deserves the recognition of the hero that he was, not to

mention he also touched and helped so many lives after this event. God Bless you Walter. I haven't seen you in a long time, but cherished your friendship nonetheless. My thoughts are with your family at this time. Stacy P. (Torrance, CA.)

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This book is a must read.... By Mindy Lawrence

The term "HERO" is often debated and misused. Those who fit the term are reluctant to accept it. In fact, they are the first to tell you they don't qualify. Readers of *They Came Home: Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors* by Joyce Faulkner and Pat McGrath Avery will find the story of the survivors of the Sunchon Tunnel Massacre a profoundly moving account of seven men who fit every portion of the definition of hero. I've been fortunate to meet five of them and found it a deeply moving experience.

Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors is a true story of events during the Korean War. Avery and Faulkner conducted painstaking research. Both women interviewed survivors, survivor's families and worked with the United States Department of Defense to assure accuracy in its telling. Faulkner creatively weaves together the soldiers' stories in a modern-day form of Greek tragedy using the men's individual stories as a chorus. The impact is tremendous. These two writers have uncovered vital information. This book should be in every school and college library. It should be mandatory reading material in every history classroom in the nation. Pat McGrath Avery and Joyce Faulkner have done this country a great service by telling this mostly forgotten story of incredible heroism, comradeship and survival during the Korean War.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An important story

By Andrew Lubin

Authors Pat Avery and Joyce Faulkner have written a powerful story of a barbaric and savage treatment of American Army POW's during the opening months of the Korean War. Flush from their opening week's victories over unprepared, poorly trained, and poorly-led American Soldiers, the North Koreans herded some 250 POW's onto a train north the North Korean-Chinese border in October 1950. Starved and beaten, the soldiers ran a gamut of emotions from giving up and dying, to attempting to escape. In the North Korean town of Sunchon, 100 soldiers were executed, and another 33 were executed later when the train came under fire from American fighter jets. With the train disabled, another 91 were marched north, with only a few finally being rescued by American forces.

Their book "*Sunchon Tunnel Massacre Survivors*" is a thoroughly-researched story which includes multiple interviews with the eight survivors still alive today. The authors concentrate on the stories of the individual survivors, as opposed to American or N. Korean strategy and tactics. The result is a human interest story that will appeal to a far wider audience than that of a normal "military book," which can only serve to get this story of bravery and courage into the wider audience it deserves.

In the early days of the Korean War, 450+ American prisoners were marched from Taejon, South Korea, to Seoul, then on to Pyongyang, North Korea. There they boarded a train. On October 19, the train pulled into a tunnel. The North Korean guards unloaded the prisoners, a few at a time, and executed them. Eight of the known survivors tell their story.

About the Author

This is Pat McGrath Avery's second book about Korean War POWs. Joyce Faulkner authored a book about her father's experiences at Iwo Jima. Together they have spent the last several years researching, interviewing the survivors and writing their story.