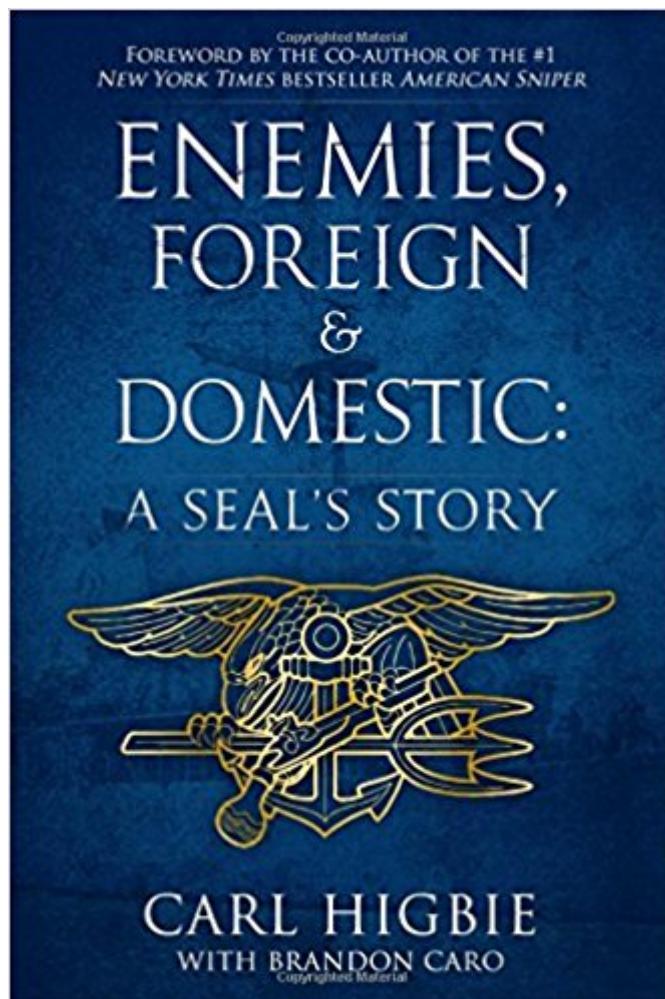


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# Enemies, Foreign And Domestic: A SEAL's Story



## Synopsis

As seen on The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly. Carl Higbie was a member of the the Navy Seal team that captured the Butcher of Fallujah, only to later be accused of prisoner abuse. Carl Higbie was on the Navy Seal assault team that captured the most wanted man in the Middle East—the Butcher of Fallujah, Ahmed Hashim Abd Al-Isawi. But instead of receiving the hero's welcome the SEALs deserved, they were charged with prisoner abuse after Al-Isawi alleged they'd beaten him up. Carl Higbie was a witness for their defense at the courts martial. When he went public with his account of what happened, the Navy fought him tooth and nail. But Higbie fought back—and he won.

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## Customer Reviews

There are not many American men who have ever earned the right to wear the Navy SEAL Trident. Only some of that elite group have served with valor in combat against our foreign enemies far down range. And damned few indeed have continued the close-quarters battle at home against our domestic enemies, which is a far trickier battlefield. Carl Higbie is one of those few. (Matt Bracken, BUD/S Class 105) Though Carl Higbie and I approached our service to our country from different political perspectives, our experiences in speaking back to our government, and of telling the truth to the American people about our government, are remarkably similar. Both of us came to the same important conclusions: our oath of service is to the Constitution, not the government, and our obligations are to the ideals represented in that

Constitution of freedom and liberty. The critical importance of that in a democracy cannot be overestimated. Standing up and saying "This is wrong" is the basis of a free society, and Higbie and Caro demonstrate this well in *Enemies, Foreign and Domestic: A SEAL's Story*. The title says it all. (Peter Van Buren, author, *We Meant Well: How I Helped Lose the War for the Hearts and Minds of the Iraqi People, Ghosts of Tom Joad, and the forthcoming Hooper's War.*) "Carl Higbie did something for me I could never know for myself, he exemplifies the character of what it takes to become and thrive as a Navy Seal. His story reveals to me how lucky we are to have people like Carl on our side willing to sacrifice all for our country abroad and at home." (Brian Kilmeade, New York Times bestselling author and co-host of *Fox and Friends*) "A true David and Goliath story, this is Carl's ultimate triumph over a politically motivated group of military leaders who forgot what they swore to uphold—the Constitution. This is a testament to the freedoms our patriots fought for and what can make us great again. The youth of America should read this sooner rather than later." (Lt. General Paul Vallely (retired))

Carl Higbie was a Special Operator with SEAL Team Ten, Echo Platoon. He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Carl published his first memoir, *Battle on the Homefront* shortly after his second deployment. He is a regular contributor on Fox News and CNN. Higbie ran for Connecticut's 4th Congressional District in 2014. He resides in Greenwich, CT. Brandon Caro was a Navy corpsman (combat medic) who deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2006-2007. His first novel, *Old Silk Road*, was published by Post Hill Press. His work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Daily Beast*, *WhiteHot Magazine*, and others. He resides in Austin, TX.

Three Navy SEALs were accused of roughing up the "Butcher of Fallujah" after his capture in Iraq. A young MP that was guarding the Butcher of Fallujah claimed the three SEALs beat up the terrorist. An Army officer that was out to condemn the SEALs for misconduct wanted to ruin the men's Navy careers. But the three SEALs insisted on a Courts Martial of their peers and were found not guilty on all charges. This same Army officer that was out to get the Three SEALs was awarded another STAR for his efforts! As a result of the ordeal two of the SEALs resigned from the Navy and the third man remained on active duty.

Carl Higbie is an authentic and courageous American patriot and warrior. This book is 'not another'

personal account of war with attendant details of horrors of war. Carl treats such experiences with dignity and respect for the casualties. The book is a refreshing balance of salient experiences during his pre-military life, SEAL training and deployments to Iraq with some unexpected twists that, to me at least, are shocking. Without offering spoilers, Carl leads you along as he encountered the long arm of the American PC culture with its priorities that (may) leave you shocked, disgusted or smiling, depending on your beliefs. For me, I wasn't smiling, but I sure was rooting and cheering for Carl the whole way. And just when you think it's safe to come out, you'll be on a roller coaster ride as he takes on the deliberate smoke and mirror, obstructionist machinations of none other than the Department of the Navy. Supposed brothers turned against one of their very own for reasons dishonorable. Pretty amazing stuff. Carl Higbie is a first class fighter in every sense of the word. This book's worth reading.

This was a very good read. It starts with some background in what brought Carl to be a Seal. The difference between serving in the Middle East under Bush and under Obama. How over sensitive to the enemy the military was under Obama. He talks about all he went through to publish his other book. Really gives you insight to some of the things going on that we just aren't aware of as civilians. Thank you for your service Carl!

As a Combat Vet myself I found it to be to the point, with a sense of humor that, is true to form. The reality that is brought to the light of the dysfunctional system that needs to be corrected along with the "Just play the game" reality of life in transitioning back to life outside the uniform is a breath of reality. I understand personally the very reality of trying to change a system that is broken and the retaliatory actions that are polity snubbing of the very politics, the players are hypocritical from day one over. I personally honor the courage and conviction in aspiring others to stand for what's right, with the Team Looking Out mentality the Seals are known for, addressing the real issues Carl has faced.

I don't usually read books like this but I wanted to hear the story of someone who had made great sacrifices in his life and was betrayed by a system that should have backed him up. It can happen in civilian life too. Carl Higby's story is inspirational. Even when betrayed we can have the strength to pursue truth and fight for justice. There are also some angels working in the government willing to help!

A very fascinating story! The Seals are known for their tough image but when it comes to dealing with superiors, regardless of their integrity or lack thereof, offending them is very risky and likely to trigger their animosity and resistance, if not their vindictiveness. Treating even the corrupt with tact and dignity, complying with orders that don't compromise ones integrity while firmly standing ones ground may achieve more. Then go after our foreign enemies with all your awesome cunning and might!

I have seen Carl on Megan Kelley, Fox News. I was impressed by his commitment to our Country, also, his integrity in standing up for his principles of truthfulness, and doing the right thing for the right reason. I failed to understand why the Navy was uncooperative with him after he had deployed on two combat missions. I'm thankful to learn that he did publish his first Book. Sad, that he did not stay in the military, and continue as a Seal.

Provides a great narrative as to what's wrong with the military structure specifically within the SEAL community but also elaborates on a greater wide spread problem throughout the military of the disconnect between leadership who give orders and those that carry them out. A culture that is so ass backwards a terrorist's word is taken over that of an elite warrior, and leadership becomes less about providing sound guidance for whom they are in charge of and more a game of self preservation acting as though they are politicians and not military men. At least that's what I took from it, very good book.

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