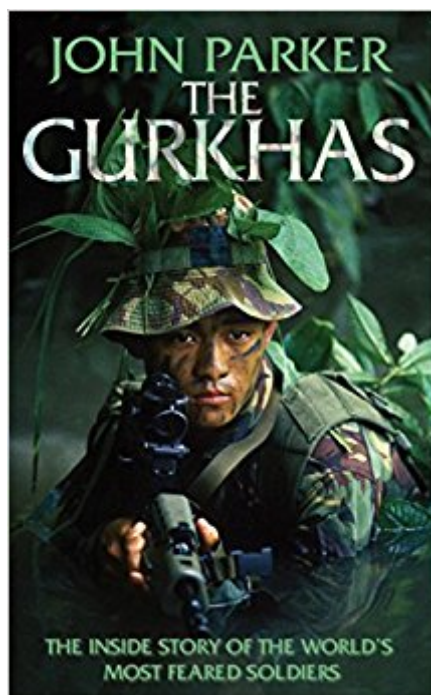


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Synopsis

Their ferocity is as legendary as their loyalty to the British Monarch and their regimental histories are crammed with acts of incredible bravery and sacrifice. Their reputation as fearsome fighting men remains undisputed and the mere threat of their kukri knives has put the fear of God into opposing forces throughout the world. John Parker's book is a fascinating testimony to the Gurkhas - a fighting force that stands dramatically apart in British military history.

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Is there anyone with an interest in militaria who has not heard of the Gurkhas ? Then let this book introduce you to the bravest men in any regiment of the British Army, with the most Victoria Crosses (highest British battle honour) to their name. Packed with reminiscences from the warriors themselves along with the author's competent overview and asides this is a fine testament to the men, their skill and their courage. Starting with the history of the first encounters between the Brits and the Gurkhas when they were on opposing sides in India, it continues with accounts of their Afghan frontier duties, exploits in two world wars and deployment in modern wars and in trouble zones such as Kosovo and Timor. One of my favourite parts is the description of when a wounded Gurkha from a besieged fort staggered to the British lines for medical treatment. The British treated him thinking this was a surrender whereupon he returned to the fort to take up his post and continue the fight leaving the Brits bemused and astounded by his bravado. The Brits should consider themselves very lucky to have these brave and cheerful fighters on their payroll and as the reviewer below points out, should better their pay right away. The Gurkhas may be the richest in Nepal but they don't have pay parity

with Brit frontline troops as yet. And boy have they earned it.

Hi, One book you just want to read and keep on doing so. Kept reading it till i had to miss my meals until i finished it. It's a book that demonstrates the quality of these men, Gurkhas, their work and their deeds, it goes on to tell us about how these tough mean men are thoroughbred gentleman, helping unfortunate ones in Hong Kong, Kosovo and so on. It is a book that at times made me cry that there are men out there who honour loyalty more than money in these selfish and greedy times of ours. God Bless them, and those who gave their lives for someone's else freedom.....

Though this is a well written book and brings out the strength, courage and determination of the Gorkhas, it has hardly a mention of their real exploits during service with the Indian army. Their battles during the Indo-pak wars, China and Kargil have been completely ignored. The British may have employed them once but they are and always were an integral part of the Indian army and this fact is not at all focussed upon. If the Author had actually attempted to get information about their service in the Indian army, the book would have been thrice as large, twice as interesting and quite heart-stopping. It is really sad that the most obvious expectation from the book has completely been ignored.

Although the author provided some historical perspective, the book focused more on the Victoria Cross aspects and the poor plight of the Gurkhas post war. If you never read a book about the Gurkhas, this one would provide a decent introduction.

Book is great because it hits home how simply amazing these guys from Nepal are, the British should be very proud of this elite fighting force.

Another great book from an awesome author. The price was great and the book was as advertised.

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