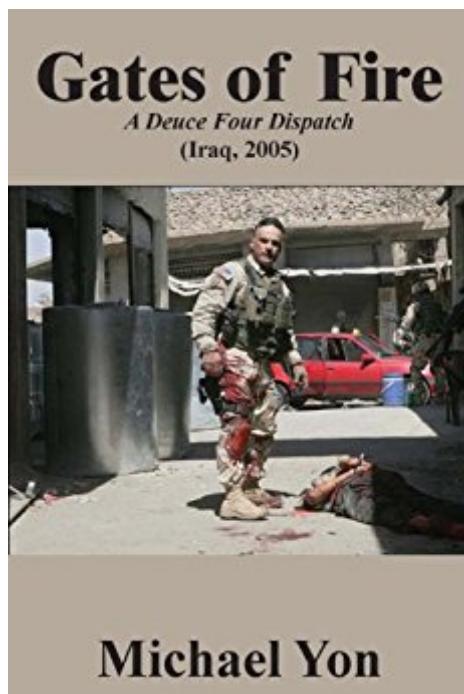


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# Gates Of Fire: Close Combat During The Battle For Mosul, Iraq



## Synopsis

American soldiers at war: As witnessed, photographed and written by Michael Yon. From "Gates of Fire": "There was a quick and heavy volume of fire. And then LTC Kurilla was shot. Three bullets reach flesh: One snaps his thigh bone in half. Both legs and an arm are shot. Kurilla was running when he was shot, but he didn't seem to miss a stride; he did a crazy judo roll and came up shooting. Kurilla, though down and unable to move, was fighting and firing, yelling at the two young soldiers to get in there." • "Prosser had beaten the terrorist in the head three times with his fist and was gripping his throat, choking him. But Prosser's gloves were slippery with blood so he couldn't hold on well. At the same time, the terrorist was trying to bite Prosser's wrist." • Praise for Michael Yon's battlefield reporting: "He's fearless" | provides a candid, soldier's-eye view | from the very unique perspective of being there with them for weeks and months at a time | delving deep into the human component. • General DAVID H. PETRAEUS, commanding general, Multi-National Force, Iraq: "Michael Yon's voice is the voice of the soldier, often unfazed by what he sees, mission-focused and battle-hardened. These guys don't scare easily, and they never let up, and Michael tells the story from their point of view." • BRIAN WILLIAMS, Anchor, NBC Nightly News: "Cuts through the fog of war" | vivid | shocking and mesmerizing. • THE BOSTON HERALD: "Yon covers soldiers | the old-fashioned way: He goes down the back alleys and the bad roads." • JOE GALLOWAY, author of *We Were Soldiers Once* | And Young: "Spends more time embedded with combat units than any other journalist." • THE NEW YORK TIMES: "I haven't seen anything quite like the coverage in Michael Yon's dispatches from Mosul" | a compelling narrative. • MICHAEL BARONE, US NEWS AND WORLD REPORT: "His readers have learned what most Americans would not know from NBC, ABC, CBS, PBS, and NPR." • former NEW YORK TIMES foreign correspondent CLIFFORD MAY: "Michael Yon brings it." | If you want to know what is going on in this war, read him. • Thomas E. Ricks, author of *Fiasco*, and military correspondent, THE WASHINGTON POST: "[I]nfuriated his military handlers, even as [he] gave American soldiers a robust new voice." • THE LOS ANGELES TIMES: Michael Yon is an American author, independent writer, columnist and photographer. In 2008, The New York Times reported that Michael Yon has spent more time embedded with combat units than any writer in Iraq. Michael Yon also spends a great amount of time unembedded. During 2009, he wrote from Israel, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Brunei, the Netherlands, Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal, and the United States. Michael plans to spend much of 2010 in Afghanistan because the AfPak war will have a tremendous impact on the United States, Great Britain, NATO, and the

region. His work is supported primarily by gifts from readers.

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This is a short, easy read that tells about one battle where a few Americans man up and protect themselves and their teammates. Captivating story of Prosser fighting the terrorist, even in hand to hand combat, and coming out on top. Few in our country have a clue what our men go thru. Thank you Michael Yon for documenting.

It would be nice if the liberal media could report truth and not slanted views like this guy does! Go Michael, I own two of your books.

While Gate can perhaps find a 2nd career in screen play writing - his descriptions, though occasionally graphic - are very detailed, it's almost as if he is describing every scene and every incident for a sketch artist. Unfortunately, by focusing on describing the visual details of the scenery, he does not capture the spirit or the emotions of what he saw, the unsaid story, what's going inside the mind of the people involved, or his own feelings as he witnesses violence, injuries and even

death.that combined with the fact that book does not enough photos for what's listed as photojournalism makes me give it three stars.

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