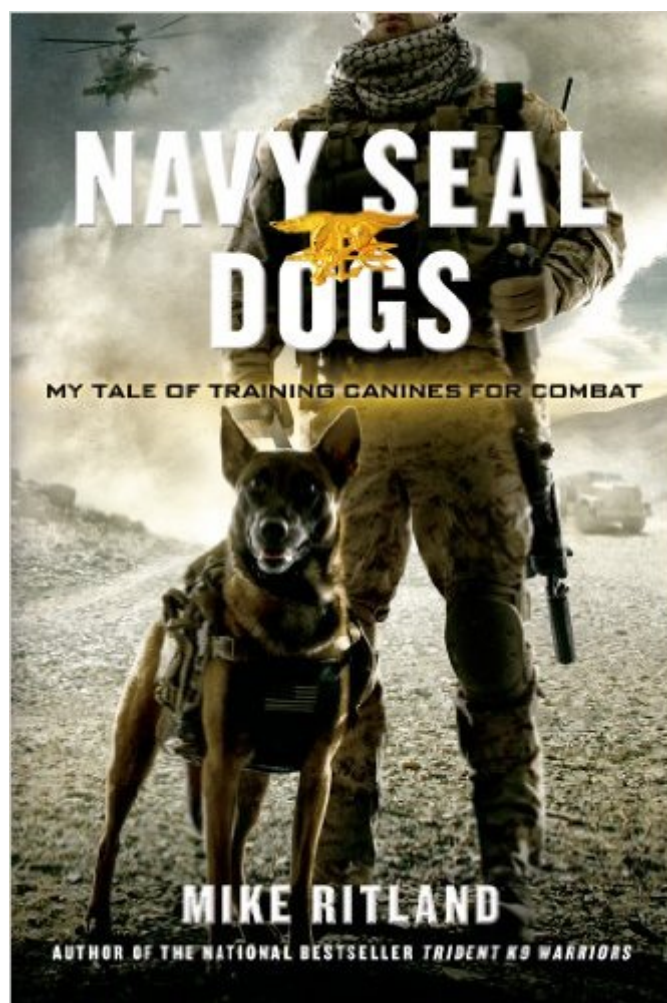


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# Navy SEAL Dogs: My Tale Of Training Canines For Combat



## Synopsis

Before there was Max, there was Mike. A true story much like the touching movie, Navy SEAL Dogs explores the incomparable relationship between trainer and military dog. Trident K9 Warriors gave readers an inside look at the SEAL teams' elite K9 warriors—who they are, how they are trained, and the extreme missions they undertake to save lives. From detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys, these powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and highest skilled working animals on the planet. Mike Ritland's job is to train them. This special edition re-telling presents the dramatic tale of how Ritland discovered his passion and grew up to become the trainer of the nation's most elite military working dogs. Ritland was a smaller-than-average kid who was often picked-on at school—which led him to spend more time with dogs at a young age. After graduating BUD/S training—the toughest military training in the world—to become a SEAL, he was on combat deployment in Iraq when he saw a military working dog in action and instantly knew he'd found his true calling. Ritland started his own company to train and supply working and protection dogs for the U.S. Government, Department of Defense, and other clients. He also started the Warrior Dog Foundation to help retired Special Operations dogs live long and happy lives after their service. This is the true story of how Mike Ritland grew from a skinny, bullied child, to a member of our nation's most elite SEAL Teams, to the trainer of the world's most highly skilled K9 warriors.

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## Customer Reviews

I read the 'adult' version of this book, and was very impressed with how the author presented the

material. I was thrilled when I learned a youth version was being written, so I preordered this book for my son (under the age of 12). He's an avid reader, dog lover and tremendous fan of our Military and Navy SEALs, so it's really right up his alley. We received it from yesterday, and my son had a hard time putting this down last night (we had an issue with flashlights and reading under the covers), and started reading when he woke up for school this morning. I'm happy he enjoys it - the book is well written, easy for children to comprehend but complex to retain interest for advanced readers, and the topic is interesting. The underlying message is one of dedication and strength, of setting goals and pursuing them, and of the value of being part of a team. My son is also somewhat familiar with the military and our war in Afghanistan (we have a Navy family member who just returned home) and I think this book has helped him get more of an understanding of what we're fighting and why. It's a great teaching tool for parents, and I am happy to be able to use it to help my child understand better the bravery, fortitude and honor of the members of our Armed Services (man and beast alike). We're very grateful for the service of our men, women and pups in uniform.

I'm thirteen and bought this book at my scholastic book fair in school. I thought it was going to be about Navy Seals and their dogs going on missions, but I was mistaken. The first 2/3 of the book were about how he trained the dogs. There are only about 4 short chapters about their missions, and that is only the first couple of pages of those four chapters. The rest of those four pages are about how the dogs and their handlers met. There are a total of about 15 chapters. I was a little disappointed and felt like a wasted \$8.00. The writing was magnificent, which made up for the book.  
-Cory (Margie's son)

The book is easy reading. Mike Ritland tells how and why he trains dogs for Seals and other organizations. Also, he tells about the dog's and their handlers experience on a combat mission and how the dog saved the lives of the handler and the squad. These dogs are bred to be work dogs and for intelligence. After reading this book you will be thankful for these dogs that smell, hear and see danger. If you are a dog lover you will appreciate reading this book and learn how dogs are trained. I know we all have trained our dog to do simple tricks by rewarding it. It takes two years to train these intelligent dogs.

This was a summer reading book for my sixth grader. We expected this to be a story about Navy Seal dogs but it is technical details about training Navy Seal dogs. My son reads at a late fourth grade level and this book is too hard for him. His college age brother read some of it to him and

found it to be difficult to read. I find it to be dry. If you are interested in training dogs, you might enjoy this book. If you are looking for a good story, this is not the book for you.

I love Mike Ritland's accounts of selecting, raising and training military and protection dogs. There's a lot of similarities and repeat information from his earlier book, Trident K9 Warriors, but I would still recommend this book in addition to the other one.

If you are interested in or curious about these incredible canine special operation forces warriors I definitely recommend this story this book to you. I truly enjoy well-written stories about dogs but when that is an outstanding story that is also well-written then I enjoy it so much more. I recommend this book.

I definitely enjoyed reading Mike's Book. I would definitely recommend it to a friend's and others that have such interesting. I also think people that are interested in canines for their personal use would enjoy and benefit from reading this book. There are many ideas and issues discussed that would help you understand your canines. Thank you and good luck

Understand that the book is about the author & some of his experiences. It doesn't go into great detail about training. With that in-mind, it's an OK book, but you'll probably want to buy his newer books to learn what you were hoping to learn from this one...

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