

Nick's War

By
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What a great book! Instead of boring us with only the facts Nick Lithgow has applied the human element that has been missing so long in the helicopter stories, at least!

From his basics in the army to being a full blooded chopper pilot in the largest bush war in Southern Africa, he has painted a picture here that allows the reader to relax in the comfort of home, hotel, or wherever, and read the humorous (sometimes hilarious!) accounts of how the brave chopper boys there did their bit in keeping the home front safe from the vagaries of war!

This was no game. It was real war, serious in the way wars need to be. More chopper boys were lost in the war than any other types. Hence, as Nick mentions, more medals were handed out to the chopper boys than to any other mustering. But, as it is with such things, humour keeps one 'sane' or from going "bossies" (bush-mad) along the way, particularly when the going gets tough ... and it does. There was and is a true camaraderie in the chopper fraternity and Nick brings this to the fore in his many examples of teamwork, hard at times, fun at others.

The picture is so real that it transported me back easily to those wonderful days of dust and the smell of aviation turbine fuel! You have brought it to life without having to go over-the-top, without having to "manufacture" anecdotes. This is a real story and I know that readers will enjoy it thoroughly. It is a story that one can go back to – get more of, enjoy again!

I salute Nick for making the effort and getting it done, and done so well, so realistically! This will become a great piece of Africana and may the sales be just like the helicopters we so love – forever rising, vertically! It is great being a chopper boy and yes Nick, I would also ask God for more of the same if I had the opportunity!!

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