

"What do you get when you combine *The Things They Carried* and *Dispatches* with the unblinking, crystalline style of Friedrich Nietzsche? You get *Packing Inferno*."
—Jonathan Shay, MD, PhD, author of *Achilles in Vietnam*
and *Odysseus in America*, MacArthur Fellow

Tyler E. Boudreau is a twelve-year veteran of the Marine Corps infantry. He trained and committed himself physically and intellectually to the military life. Then his intense devotion began to disintegrate, bit by bit, during his final mission in Iraq. After returning home, he discovered a turmoil developing in his mind, estranging him from his loved ones and the bill of goods he eagerly purchased as a Marine officer.

Packing Inferno is the spectacularly written story of the ordeal of a Marine officer in battle and then coming home. It is the struggle with a society resistant to understand the true nature of war. It is the fight with combat stress and an exploration into the process of recovery. It is the search for conscience, family, and ultimately for one's essential self. Here are the reflections of a man built by the Marine Corps, disassembled by war, and left with no guidance to rebuild himself.

This is Tyler E. Boudreau's first book. He currently lives in western Massachusetts, where he works with other veterans on many projects related to war. Mr. Boudreau's blog can be seen at www.deeperthanwars.blogspot.com



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