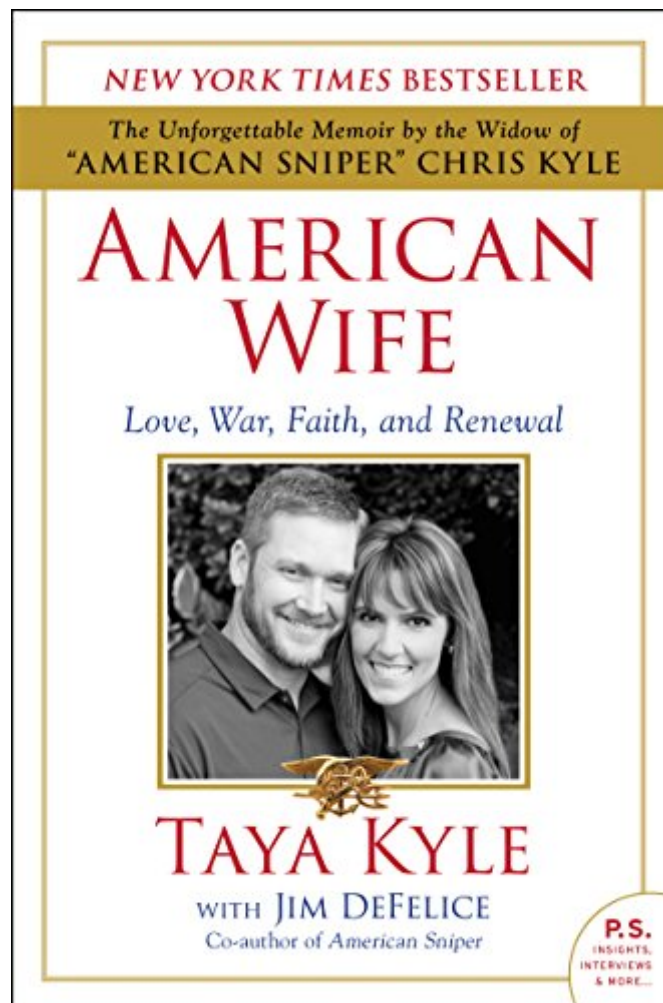




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American Wife: A Memoir Of Love, War, Faith, And Renewal



Synopsis

The widow of *American Sniper* Chris Kyle shares their private story: an unforgettable testament to the power of love and faith in the face of war and unimaginable loss--and a moving tribute to a man whose true heroism ran even deeper than the legend. In early 2013, Taya Kyle and her husband Chris were the happiest they ever had been. Their decade-long marriage had survived years of war that took Chris, a U.S. Navy SEAL, away from Taya and their two children for agonizingly long stretches while he put his life on the line in many major battles of the Iraq War. After struggling to readjust to life out of the military, Chris had found new purpose in redirecting his lifelong dedication to service to supporting veterans and their families. Their love had deepened, and, most special of all, their family was whole, finally. Then, the unthinkable. On February 2, 2013, Chris and his friend Chad Littlefield were killed while attempting to help a troubled vet. The life Chris and Taya fought so hard to build together was shattered. In an instant, Taya became a single parent of two. A widow. A young woman facing the rest of her life without the man she loved. Chris and Taya's remarkable story has captivated millions through Clint Eastwood's blockbuster, Academy Award-winning film *American Sniper*, starring Bradley Cooper as Chris and Sienna Miller as Taya, and because of Chris's bestselling memoir, in which Taya contributed passages that formed the book's emotional core. Now, with trusted collaborator Jim DeFelice, Taya writes in never-before-told detail about the hours, days, and months after his shocking death when grief threatened to overwhelm her. Then there were wearying battles to protect her husband's legacy and reputation. And yet throughout, friendship, family, and a deepening faith were lifelines that sustained her and the kids when the sorrow became too much. Two years after her husband's tragic death, Taya has found renewed meaning and connection to Chris by advancing their shared mission of "serving those who serve others," particularly military and first-responder families. She and the children now are embracing a new future, one that honors the past but also looks forward with hope, gratitude, and joy. *American Wife* is one of the most remarkable memoirs of the year -- a universal chronicle of love and heartbreak, service and sacrifice, faith and purpose that will inspire every reader.

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Customer Reviews

Ok - I went into this book expecting to confirm my belief that Taya was a fame whore, looking to capitalize on her husband's death. I'm a huge Chris Kyle fan, read all of his books, and I once dated a SEAL, so I felt that her constant media presence was at odds with her husband's original desire to leave the proceeds of American sniper to his fallen brothers. But I was pleasantly shocked at how much I not only liked this book, but more importantly liked and sympathized with Taya. She takes responsibility for her faults, including her addiction to smoking, her anger with Chris over his deployments. Her heartbreaking realization that Chris may have been unfaithful gutted me, as so many Team wives are the victims of infidelity. Yet she showed forgiveness, and my heart constantly broke for her. I now feel horrible for buying into the media's portrayal of her. Taya is strong, spirited, and real. This is a must read, and has completely change my perception of her.

Taya Kyle is tough and it shows in this book. I got to see inside of some of her life with Chris Kyle and particularly what it was like for her and the children after he was murdered. It took a lot of people to get her and her children through the murder and trial while the film about her husband was setting records. I finished the book, sad that there weren't more years for her and her children.

What an amazing woman! Having read American Sniper, to hear the life of the Kyle's and

everything behind the scenes from Tara's perspective provides the depth and width of a true love story! Every marriage has its ups and downs but to persevere through all those deployments and the changes to a person's psyche takes a truly remarkable person!

This was an amazing book that I couldn't put down. Taya, you shared so much of your raw and personal experiences that many most people would rather keep hidden. I am deeply humbled and touched by your words. The way you talked about how you went through and are still going through the grief and your feelings, how it's okay to feel them. Thank you. I too, am a Mom, woman, an Emergency 911 Dispatcher, was a Firefighter/EMT but chose to hang my boots and stethoscope up to make time for my 3 boys and husband. I experienced my share of traumas and grief as well as always wanted people to like me but have learned myself quite recently, not everyone will or does and that's okay because I'm genuine, what you see the see is what you get and if you don't like it, well that's your loss...oh and you have yourself a nice day. I just hadn't gotten to it's okay to feel my feelings part. Reading this book renewed my faith as well. Thank you again! You are an amazing inspiration and an amazing role model / mother.

Her faith and hope, for an unknown yet, anticipated future, with any military man, would be awe inspiring. With Chris, she believed, because of her faith. Each time that she could give up, she never did, nor has she. Every military spouse should be required to read this; prior to marriage. As an AF veteran myself, I believe she nailed so much more than her story with Chris. She nailed the story of a military wife, mother and woman. Kudo's to you!! Your perspective is worthy!!!

I read and really enjoyed American Sniper before I knew the movie would be made. The movie was amazing. Even though I knew how Chris was killed and therefore what to expect at the end of the film, I was surprised to find myself crying in the theatre. I rarely cry during movies but Clint Eastwood and Bradley Cooper did such a good job of story telling. The book and then the movie touched me deeply. I've seen Taya on Fox News a few times since her husband was killed and had heard that the miserable Jesse Ventura won his lawsuit so I wanted to read Taya's book to hear how she felt about all that had happened recently in her life from her perspective. Taya seemed to write from her heart and comes across as human, caring, sincere, strong and honest. Great job and thank you, Taya, for sharing your thoughts, feeling and life with the public.

I tend to enjoy a book that is realistic or about a subject that could happen. This book is something

that happened unfortunately. It is so well written, tugs at your heart strings but yet is a happy story also. It has everything I like in a book, happy times, sad times & dramatic times. It's a love story, an American Hero story all in one. I would definitely recommend this book to my friends, family & anyone else who enjoys reading & learning a little history.

This isn't only a tragic but moving book about the Kyle's and their story, but an excellent read on marriage, hardship, challenge and devoted love. So many wonderful small side stories about the day to day dynamics and joys of being a married couple. Top notch.

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