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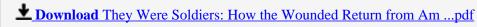
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"This is a painful odyssey. Ann Jones's superb writing makes it possible to take it in without sugar coating.... Read this book. You will be a wiser and better citizen." —Jonathan Shay, MD, PhD, author of Odysseus in America: Combat Trauma and the Trials of Homecoming

"Ann Jones' new book, *They Were Soldiers: How the Wounded Return from America's Wars -- The Untold Story*, is devastating, and almost incomprehensibly so when one considers that virtually all of the death and destruction in U.S. wars is on the other side. Statistically, what happens to U.S. troops is almost nothing. In human terms, it's overwhelming. Know a young person considering joining the military? Give them this book. Know a person not working to end war? Give them this book." —**David Swanson** 

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