

Legionnaire Five Years In The French Foreign Legion

Paul Fraser Collard's Jack Lark series continues with *The Last Legionnaire*, which sees Jack marching into the biggest battle Europe has ever known. Fans of Bernard Cornwell hero Richard Sharpe and Simon Scarrow's Britannia will delight in the fast pace and vivid storytelling of Jack's fifth adventure. 'Enthralling' - *The Times* Jack Lark has come a long way since his days as a gin palace pot boy. But can he surrender the thrill of freedom to return home? London, 1859. After years fighting for Queen and country, Jack walks back into his mother's East End gin palace a changed man. Haunted by the horrors of battle, and the constant fight for survival, he longs for a life to call his own. But the city - and its people - has altered almost beyond recognition, and Jack cannot see a place for himself there. A desperate moment leaves him indebted to the Devil - intelligence officer Major John Ballard, who once again leads Jack to the battlefield with a task he can't refuse. He tried to deny being a soldier once. He won't make the same mistake again. Europe is about to go to war. Jack Lark will march with them.

Despite the efforts of an enraged Mysa, Mordru's plans escalate as he employs her anger to effect a horrifying transformation that could lead to the end of reality.

Appel: A Canadian in the French Foreign Legion is the first-hand account of the author's six years as a professional soldier during the 1990s, and his experience in the Legion's elite Groupe des Commandos Parachutistes (GCP). Joel Struthers recounts the dangers and demands of military life, from the rigours of recruitment and operational training in the rugged mountains of France, to face-to-face combat in the grasslands of some of Africa's most troubled nations. Told through the eyes of a soldier, and interspersed with humorous anecdotes, *Appel* is a fascinating story that debunks myths about the French Foreign Legion and shows it more accurately as a professional arm of the French military. Struthers provides insight into the rigorous discipline that the Legion instills in its young recruits, – who trade their identities as individuals for a life of adventure and a role in a unified fighting force whose motto is "Honour and Loyalty." Foreword by Col. Benoit Desmeulles, former commanding officer of the Legions 2e Régiment Étranger Parachutistes.

Wherever you go, I will go too. These were the words Susan Travers spoke to General Koenig of the Free French and the Foreign Legion of North Africa, and they were tested to the limit. Surrounded for 15 days by Rommel's Afrika Korps, Susan was awarded the Legion d'Honneur for her heroism.

The Legion of the Damned tells the story of Bennett Jeffries Doty, an American soldier and adventurer who enlisted in the Foreign Legion, fought in Syria, deserted, and was captured and then sentenced to death. Fate intervened in the form of an American foreign correspondent covering the fighting in Syria, whom Doty met just days before deserting, and it was no doubt owing to this meeting and the ensuing publicity that Doty managed to escape his plight, with his sentence reduced to an eight-year prison term in a French military prison. He eventually received a full pardon and ticket out of the Legion. Shortly after his release from prison and his return back to the United States in December of 1927, he published this book. An exciting and action-packed Foreign Legion memoir!

The French Foreign Legion is a complete, captivating study of the famed fighting force, from its inception in 1831 to modern times. Historian Douglas Porch chronicles the Legion's involvement in Spain, Mexico, Indochina, Madagascar, WWI, Vietnam, and Algiers (to name a few) and delves into the inner workings of legionnaires and their captains. Known for draconian discipline and shrouded in mystery, the secrets of the Legion are guarded by those who have gained admittance into its elite society. In this thoroughly researched and impressive account, Porch reveals the mysteries surrounding a Legion of "unparalleled exoticism, pathos, and drama."

The first novel in William C. Dietz's acclaimed *Legion of the Damned* series... There is one final choice for the hopeless—the terminally ill, the condemned criminals, the victims who cannot be saved: becoming cyborg soldiers in the Legion. Their human bodies are destroyed and they are reborn as living weapons. But when aliens attack the Empire, the Legion must choose sides. Known for its austerity and discipline, deprivation and sacrifice, the French Foreign Legion is perhaps the most intriguing and famous fighting force in the world. Five years is a long time to commit to anything - especially when your life is at stake. In *Life in the French Foreign Legion*, Evan McGorman writes about his personal experiences between 1989 and 1994 during his time with the elite corps. He discusses every aspect of Legion life including the pros and cons of desertion.

A military classic. Publishers Weekly

In *Nobody Will Shoot You If You Make Them Laugh: One Man's Journey Through The Mountains And Valleys of Life*, the businessman and adventurer Simon Murray tells his extraordinary life story. From an orphanage in Leicester through the rigours and brutality of the English public school system in the 1950s, to a five-year spell in French Foreign Legion, his early life was recounted in his million-selling book *Legionnaire*. Since 1965 he has been one of the most successful businessmen operating out of Hong Kong. Starting as a commission salesman for Jardine Matheson he worked his way up to running Hutchison Whampoa. He has also been actively involved with the Hong Kong Electricity Company, Deutsche Bank Asia Pacific, Glencore and Huawei among others. In-between he founded Orange and other mobile telephone operators across Asia and Africa. He has been off the path many times: climbed in the Atlas Mountains; trekked up to Everest and Annapurna; climbed Kilimanjaro and abseiled down the Shard in London. He is the oldest man to walk unsupported to the South Pole. He has run the Marathon des Sables, 250 kilometres across the Moroccan desert when he was 60 years old, and follows his motto 'Do not follow where the path may lead, but go instead where there is no path and leave a trail' somewhat earnestly. He was awarded the CBE from the Queen and been decorated with the Order of Merit and the Legion d'Honneur in France. He claims his greatest success is his marriage of 54 years to Jennifer and the raising of three children and his six grandchildren.

A pleasure to read and nearly impossible to put down. -*Army Times* Embodies an experience that many have enjoyed in fantasy-few in reality. -*The Washington Post* The French Foreign Legion-mysterious, romantic, deadly-is filled with men of dubious character, and hardly the place for a proper Englishman just nineteen years of age. Yet in 1960, Simon Murray traveled alone to Paris, Marseilles, and ultimately Algeria to fulfill the toughest contract of his life: a five-year stint in the Legion. Along the way, he kept a diary. *Legionnaire* is a compelling, firsthand account of Murray's experience with this legendary band of soldiers. This gripping journal offers stark evidence that the Legion's reputation for pushing men to their breaking points and beyond is well deserved. In the fierce, sun-baked North African desert, strong men cracked under brutal officers, merciless training methods, and barbarous punishments. Yet Murray survived, even thrived. For he shared one trait with these hard men from all nations and backgrounds: a determination never to surrender. The drama, excitement, and color of a good guts-and-glory thriller. -Dr. Henry Kissinger

A hostile force ambushes Victory Company during a diplomatic mission. Stranded behind enemy lines, a sergeant must lead a band of survivors against merciless insurgents on a deadly alien world. With no room for error, the Republic's elite fighting force must struggle to

survive under siege while waiting on a rescue that might never come.

The French Foreign Legion has built a reputation as one of the world's most formidable and colorful military institutions. Established as a means of absorbing foreign troublemakers, the Legion spearheaded French colonialism in North Africa during the nineteenth century. Accepting volunteers from all parts of the world, the Legion acquired an aura of mystery and a less-than-enviable reputation for extreme brutality within its ranks. *Voices of the Foreign Legion* explores how the Legion selects its recruits, their native lands, and why these warriors seek a life full of hardship and danger. It analyzes the Legion's brutal attitude toward discipline, questions why desertion has been a perennial problem, and assesses the Legion's remarkable military achievements since its formation in the year 1831. This is the real story of the Legion, featuring firsthand accounts from the men who have fought in its ranks. Its scope ranges from the conquest of the colonies in Africa and the Far East through the horrors of the two world wars, to the bitter, but ultimately hopeless, battle to maintain France's far-flung imperial possessions. The story is brought fully up-to-date with accounts and anecdotes from those contemporary foreign legionnaires who continue to fight for French interests around the globe. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

A soldier's true story of danger and adventure as a modern-day legionnaire in Kuwait, Bosnia, and beyond. With no French language ability, Alex Lochrie approached recruiters for the French Foreign Legion in Paris and embarked on the demanding selection process that followed. When he was accepted, he and other prospective legionnaires were sent to Southern France to begin the harsh recruit training course. The mix of nationalities and backgrounds among his fellows was enormous. New members are traditionally allowed to change their identities—and Lochrie chose to alter his age, becoming twenty-eight instead of thirty-eight. Elite paratrooper training followed in Corsica before Lochrie earned his wings. The FFL is never far from the front line, and in this book he tells of challenging active service in former French colonies in Africa as well as during the first Gulf War, evicting Saddam Hussein from Kuwait, and operations in Bosnia and Sarajevo. This gripping account lifts the veil of mystery and myth, pulling you into the action—and revealing much about the realities of service in the Foreign Legion. *Legio Patria Nostra* (Lat.) The Legion is our Fatherland. Eighteen years ago they came to destroy us... A race of conquerors from deep space had set their eyes on Earth's riches. Their invasion slaughtered billions. But humanity united under a common leadership and fought back. We chased them off Earth and most of the Solar System. The war still rages on, and every year young people are sent out to die, far away from Earth. Ethan Wang was born on the day of the invasion, during the chaos and turmoil of war and now hes ready to join the fight. But first he has to become a soldier, and survive his initiation into one of the toughest military units Earth ever mustered: the Ghost Legion. With *Ghost Legion*, Andreas Christensen kicks off the Legionnaire Series, a military science fiction set in the near future. Suit up, and get ready for a roller coaster ride into space!

When Simon Majumdar hit forty, he realized there had to be more to life than his stable but uninspiring desk job. As he wondered how to escape his career, he rediscovered a list of goals he had scrawled out years before, the last of which said: Go everywhere, eat everything. With that, he had found his mission -- a yearlong search for the delicious, and curious, and the curiously delicious, which he names *Eat My Globe* and memorably chronicles in these pages. In Majumdar's world, food is everything. Like every member of his family, he has a savant's memory for meals, with instant recall of dishes eaten decades before. Simon's unstoppable wit and passion for all things edible (especially those things that once had eyes, and a face, and a mom and a pop) makes this an armchair traveler's and foodie's delight -- Majumdar does all the heavy lifting, eats the heavy foods (and suffers the weighty consequences), so you don't have to. He jets to thirty countries in just over twelve months, diving mouth-first into local cuisines and cultures as different as those of Japan and Iceland. His journey takes him from China, where he consumes one of his "Top Ten Worst Eats," stir-fried rat, to the United States, where he glories in our greatest sandwiches: the delectable treasures of Katz's Delicatessen in Manhattan, BBQ in Kansas and Texas, the still-rich po' boys of post-Katrina New Orleans. The meat of the story -- besides the peerless ham in Spain, the celebrated steaks of Argentina, the best of Munich's wursts as well as their descendants, the famous hot dogs of Chicago -- is the friends that Simon makes as he eats. They are as passionate about food as he is and are eager to welcome him to their homes and tables, share their choicest meals, and reveal their local secrets. Also a poignant memoir, *Eat My Globe* is a life told through food and spiced with Majumdar's remembrances of foods past, including those from his colorful childhood. (Raised in Northern England, he is the son of a fiery Welsh nurse and a distinguished Bengali surgeon.) A captivating look at one man's passion for food, family, and unique life experiences, *Eat My Globe* will make you laugh -- while it makes you hungry. It is sure to satiate any gastronome obsessed with globetrotting -- for now.

Heroic figures galloping across the loose sands of the Sahara, their flowing white kepis a symbol of the highest romance and adventure...or murderers and human derelicts, rejected by society and hunted by the police, seeking escape from prison in the ranks of the *Légion Étrangère*? Neither picture—so commonly held by the general public—is even partially accurate, writes Walter Kanitz. During World War II, Walter Kanitz fought with the Foreign Legion in Africa. He has done a vast amount of research and reading about the Legion, and has made every possible effort to check his facts. His book represents the first comprehensive and objective history of the French Foreign Legion since its inception in 1831 by the royal decree of Louis Philippe. For the better part of its history, the Foreign Legion, remote, fascinating, somewhat sinister, has been shrouded in mystery. It has been called everything from “Desert Carrion” to the “Legion of Beggars.” It was often said that “dogs bark when the Legion passes.” Yet, in battle, the *Légionnaires* are famed for a courage and heroism that knows no fear of death. They are considered by most professional soldiers to be, as a unit, the best fighting force in the world. When a new recruit applies for enlistment, he is made to wait 24 hours to reconsider his decision. The ranks are made up of men of all nationalities—Germans, Poles, Czechs, Slavs, Spaniards, Americans. It is the only army in existence today made up of mercenaries who have voluntarily signed to serve five years for the government of France. The discipline is harsh and the pay meager. The call to battle has taken Legion units from Mexico to Norway, from China to Morocco. Outside of battle, life consists of infinite boredom broken only by alcohol and an occasional woman. And yet, says ex-Legionnaire Kanitz, “*Qu’importe, quand la Légion passe, que les chiens viennent aboyer après d’elle! Vive la Légion!*”

The French Foreign Legion is an extraordinary and unique army, specifically created for foreign nationals wishing to serve in the French Armed Forces, but commanded by French officers. For nearly two centuries, adventure seekers or men on the run from all around the globe have found a home in the Foreign Legion and shed blood for France. In this book, author Douglas Boyd has been given unrivalled access to the Legion to tell its story from its inception in the 1830s, when it was primarily used to protect and expand the French colonial empire during the nineteenth century, but it has also fought in almost all French wars including the Franco-Prussian War and both World Wars. The Legion is today known as an elite military unit whose training focuses not only on traditional military skills, but also on its strong *esprit de corps*.

Follow the story of a young man, who, through a chance encounter in prison, leaves his life of crime and joins the ranks of one of

the world's toughest fighting forces. J. R. Lawrence served in the 3rd company of the parachute regiment (2REP) from 2007 - 2011. The author served in the Foreign Legion during the War on Terror period and the book includes a chapter on the war in Afghanistan.

This powerful look at the French Foreign Legion explores Sloane's experiences with the brutalities, adventure, destruction, danger, and criminal encounters over his five years of service in this dehumanizing regime. Well known as the most notorious, bloody and ruthless band of mercenaries in the world, in 1998 the Legion accepted Tony Sloane at the age of 18, inviting him as an elite member of this secret and mysterious fighting force. The legend and the myths of the Legion captivated Sloane and he quickly learned that life as a legionnaire was not just about physical training, but also about pledging mind and soul to the missions and operations.

A British soldier reveals what it takes to serve in the elite French Foreign Legion. Penniless, divorced and AWOL from the British forces, Bill Parris volunteered for the French Foreign Legion in the early 1980s. Unlike many British volunteers to the Legion, Bill did not desert. He endured a horrendous training regime and, despite a fear of heights (!) joined the elite Foreign Legion Parachute Regiment. This is more than a war story - it is a personal journey too, as Bill comes to terms with his own inner demons. His five years' service included brutal combat in Rwanda and Chad, events that still trigger nightmares. But he emerged as a man at peace with himself, and with a story to tell.

After finishing university but not ready to settle down, Gareth Carins joined the French Foreign Legion in 1996 and served for five years in their elite Parachute Regiment. He experienced at first hand the extremes of human nature, witnessing both the brutal cruelty shown by some Legionnaires in the name of tradition, to the personal sacrifices shown by others. Along the way he met many of the fascinating characters that come from all corners of the world to serve in the ranks of the Foreign Legion. Diary of a Legionnaire is a candid and eye opening insight into this mysterious army, told through Gareth's exciting and at times humorous adventures during the first eighteen months of his service, as we follow him from the brutality of basic training, to the realities of combat in the jungles of West Africa

Rokk Krinn of Braal. Imra Ardeen of Titan. Garth Ranzz of Winath. Three teenagers who, despite being complete strangers from member worlds within the fledgling Federation of United Planets, pool together their unique powers and abilities to thwart an assassination attempt against R.J. Brande, one of the cosmos' wealthiest sentients. Seeing an opportunity to reshape the 30th Century and truly unify the struggling United Planets, a grateful Brande encourages his young rescuers to form the core of an interplanetary protection force—a group of young de-facto ambassadors from U.P. home worlds... ..A legion of superheroes. Realizing Brande's vision won't be easy. The newly christened Legion is beset by an interfering U.P. government and uncooperative law enforcement, faced with growing cultural bigotry and xenophobia, and opposed by powerful enemies who represent grave threats to the galaxy. So begins the adolescent adventures of the 30th Century's greatest heroes, written by the critically acclaimed Mark Waid (THE FLASH), Tom McCraw (AQUAMAN) and Tom Peyer (BATMAN '66), and masterfully illustrated by Lee Moder (STARS AND S.T.R.I.P.E.), Jeffrey Moy (STAR TREK/LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES) and many others. Collects LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #0, #62-68, and LEGIONNAIRES #0, #19-24 with an introduction by Mark Waid himself! The Quiet Darkness' conclusion. Aria is Darkseid's captive, and the Legion is powerless to prevent him from using the child to create a super-powered slave. Also, the mystery of a 30th-century Lobo is revealed! Featuring the first appearance of the SW6 Legionnaires!

Legionnaire An Englishman in the French Foreign Legion Sidgwick & Jackson

A reconstruction of the life of an actual Roman soldier focuses on his brave service as part of the Seventh Legion in central Europe under the Emperor Trajan around 85 A.D.

'One of the greatest adventure stories in years.' – Chris Patten 'The drama, excitement and colour of a good guts-and-glory thriller.' – Dr. Henry Kissinger The French Foreign Legion – mysterious, romantic, deadly – is filled with men of dubious character, and hardly the place for a proper Englishman just nineteen years of age. Yet in 1960, Simon Murray traveled alone to Paris, Marseilles, and on to Algeria to fulfill the toughest contract of his life: a five-year stint in the Legion. Along the way, he kept a diary.

Legionnaire is a compelling, firsthand account of Murray's experience with this legendary band of soldiers. Subjected to brutal sergeants, merciless training methods and barbaric punishments – all in the hostile, sun-baked North African desert – Murray and his fellow men were pushed to breaking point, and beyond. Sixty years on, it remains a remarkable account of one of the most notorious military groups, a tale of true adventure and one man's determination never to surrender.

"As DC's 30th century super-team, the Legion of Super-Heroes had always stood as a shining example of futuristic optimism--but that changed in 1989 with a new Legion of Super-Heroes series that brought the timeline forward five years. In this even further future, the United Planets became a darker place, with familiar characters changed and the Earth overtaken by alien invaders--and the team reunited to take on these dangerous new threats. Now this bold and controversial part of DC history is finally collected in an omnibus edition, from the creative team of DC legend Keith Giffen and Tom and Mary Bierbaum!"--

Mysterious disappearance of a valuable gem forces three English brothers to enlist in the North African Foreign Legion.

Welcome to a world where Rome never fell. Now the leader in a worldwide industrial revolution, Rome's might has allowed it to prosper for centuries, while the steam powered warmachines of the Imperial legions keep hostile neighbors at bay. Seeking to escape the endless toil of the factory, a young man joins the army. His commander works to prove himself, away from the power and corrupting influence of his rich and mighty family. Amid a backdrop of revolution, espionage and assassination, how can a green and unprepared legion withstand the onslaught of forces aiming a deathblow at the largest empire ever created? This is the first book in the Steam Empire Chronicles.

`Since its creation in 1831, the French Foreign Legion has become the stuff of myth, fiction and dreams... Anyone thinking of joining up would be well advised to read this book first? - The Sun Herald A real-life boy's own adventure, *Marching With The Devil* is an account of David Mason's five years in the infamous French Foreign Legion. David Mason graduated from the Australian National University with a law degree and an honours degree. Like those around him, he could easily have settled for a life of share portfolios, good suits, new cars and big houses. But David wanted more ? he wanted a challenge, an adventure, something beyond the ordinary that would test him physically and mentally. He looked around to see what he could do. Working in an open-cut mine . . . done that. Running a marathon . . . hmm, not hard enough. Climbing Everest . . . maybe? Joining the French Foreign Legion . . . perfect! *Marching With The Devil* is the gripping true story of what happened when an Australian lawyer left his comfortable existence and joined the legendary French Foreign Legion. He stayed for five years and served time in the elite

