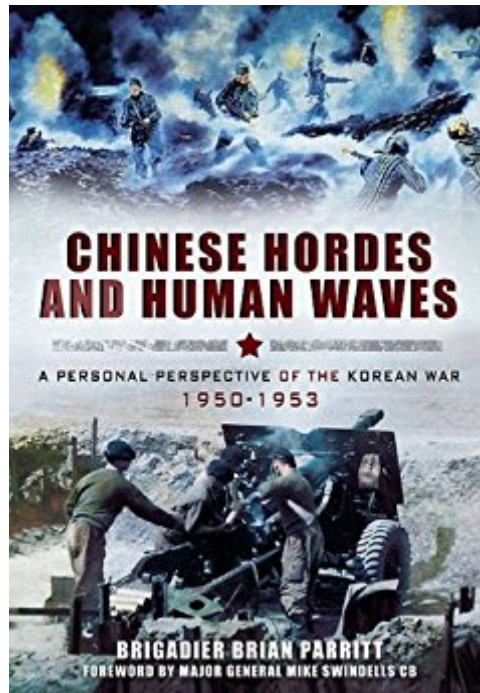


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The North Koreans'™ attack on their Southern neighbors shocked and surprised the World. The conflict rapidly escalated with China soon heavily involved on one side and the United States and United Nations on the other. The author, then a young Gunner officer, found himself in the midst of this very nasty war. He describes first hand what it was like to be at the infamous Battle of the Hook, where UN troops held off massed attacks by the Communists. Few outside the war zone realized just how horrific conditions were. As a qualified Chinese interpreter and, later, a senior military intelligence officer, Parritt is well placed to analyze why the Commonwealth got involved, the mistakes and successes and the extreme risk that the war represented. This is not only a fine memoir but a unique insight into a forgotten War.

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A very different kind of book concerning the Korean war. I've read a dozen books on the subject and found this book uniquely enlightening, mainly because it's told as a "overall" memoir/impression and from a very definite British point of view. If you've read a lot of Korean War books like I have, I think you'll find this one notable, especially his perspective of General MacArthur.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It looks at this war firstly from the perspective of a young gunnery officer and continues with the explanations, hindsight and analysis of one who became Brigadier Parrett, Director of the Intelligence Corps. I knew little about the war in Korea and this book was absolutely fascinating on several levels. The first hand experiences of the young Brian Parrett combined with the excellent descriptions of conditions in the field brought it alive for me. I learnt a lot from and analysis of the mistakes made by both sides and the ultimate futility of the conflict. I would strongly recommend this book to anyone wishing to learn more about war at several levels and the Korean war in particular.

A little too dry for me.

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