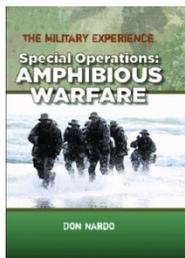


# The Military Experience: Special Operations



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Title: **Special Operations: Amphibious Warfare**

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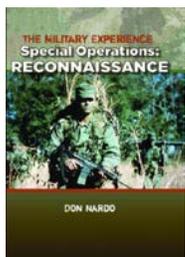
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**Series Comments:** This excellent series covers various aspects of the military experience and contains books about amphibious warfare, reconnaissance, paratroopers, search and rescue, training, and weapons. They provide insightful overviews of the training and equipment used by the U.S. military.

**Recommendations:** This is an excellent presentation and is highly recommended for all middle school libraries.

-Susan Ogintz, March 2013



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The Military Experience. Special Operations: Reconnaissance

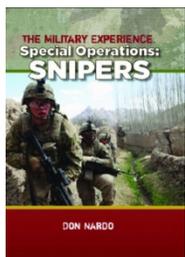
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Kids in grades 5-6 who have good reading skills but still enjoy the picturebook format—and who relish military topics—will love *The Military Experience. Special Operations: Reconnaissance* an excellent read, offering a little over sixty pages of coverage describing the operations and experiences of those serving in special reconnaissance forces.

All branches of the military have their own special teams: this provides a winning survey of one such force, pairing full-page color action photos with insights on the military experience.



The Military Experience. Special Operation: Snipers

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Part of “The Military Experience” series, *Special Operations: Snipers* is a library-bound book ideal for young adults in grade school, describing the rigorous training, staunch discipline, and accomplishments of professional snipers in the modern American military. From the true story of how Navy SEAL snipers saved the life of Captain Phillips after Somali pirates kidnapped him, to the rigorous physical endurance, camouflage, independent-thinking and marksmanship training snipers must undergo, to the state-of-the-art equipment snipers use and much more, *Special Operations: Snipers* gives an extraordinarily clear picture of the high demands placed upon these individuals in the conflicts of today's era. “...more than anything else the sniper schools try to turn out independent warriors. These are individuals who can work on their own and be trusted to make the right choices. Commanders aren't looking for 'good shots' or 'natural born killers,' military observer Robert Valdes says. What they are looking for 'is a soldier that possesses good decision making and a level head.'” Full-color photographs on almost every page illustrate this fact-filled, respectful and serious-minded look at an extremely demanding military career, written expressly to be accessible to young people. Also highly recommended are the rest of “The Military Experience” titles (9781599353548 / \$192.15 full set), “Amphibious Warfare” (9781599353647), “Paratroopers” (9781599353609), “Reconnaissance” (9781599353661), “Search and Rescue” (9781599353623), “Training” (9781599353562), and “Weapons” (9781599353586).