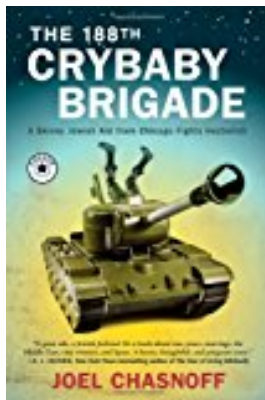


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Description:

Review "One of the funniest books you'll ever read about the sometimes absurd alternative reality of the IDF.... What drives the book - which is named after the nickname Chasnoff's commander gave to the unit - is Chasnoff's uncanny ability to nail the various idiosyncratic elements of the Israeli

psyche as mirrored in the 18-year-old boys he's thrown his lot in with for a year."—*The Jerusalem Post*

"An unusual story, humorous but not without heartbreak, told well by an intelligent and funny person."—*The Forward*

"Laugh-out-loud funny.... [Chasnoff] has some serious and even shocking things to say about Israel and its relationship with American Jews, and I promise you that you will not think about your own Jewishness in quite the same way after you finish his smart, funny and provocative book."—*Los Angeles Jewish Journal*

"Through the humor, the tone dips deep into tenets of Judaism, Middle East politics, discrimination, racism and more. Ultimately, the author offers a poignant account of attitudes and policies that are bound to fail the region. And sadly, it's funny as hell."—*Colorado Springs Independent*

"Part *Stripes*, part Camp Ramah, comedian Joel Chasnoff presents a new kind of coming-of-age story in his memoir and first book, *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*.... Chasnoff's comedic timing and honest heart shine throughout the narrative as we follow his journey from supposed zero to Israeli hero."—*Jewish Book World*

"In *The 188th Crybaby Brigade*, former Israeli soldier Joel Chasnoff [describes] his service as a passionate defender of Israel in an army that seems to be collapsing into tactical mediocrity and a widespread indifference to duty... A pleasure to read... that make[s] war a personal journey through a hazy political landscape." —*Washington Post*

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"In this illuminating work Joel Chasnoff does for the IDF what Mailer did for the Pacific campaign and O'Brien for the war in Vietnam. This is a chilling book." -- Anthony Swofford, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Jarhead*

"This comic coming-of-age memoir is as touching as it is tough, as insightful as it is funny. *The 188th Crybaby Brigade* is an unsentimental but moving portrait of a soldier's heart and mind." -- Lauren Weisberger, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Chasing Harry Winston*

"Joel Chasnoff writes like Woody Allen channeling Leon Uris, with altogether charming results. As hilarious, unsparing, and surprisingly tender a memoir as they come." -- Elisa Albert, author of *The Book of Dahlia*

About the Author Joel Chasnoff is a stand-up comedian and writer with stage and screen credits in eight countries. His writing has been featured in *The Idiot's Guide to Jokes* and *The Big Book of Jewish Humor: 25th Anniversary Edition*. On tour, he was the warm-up act for Jon Stewart and Lewis Black of *The Daily Show*.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania, Chasnoff moved to Israel and volunteered for a combat unit of the Israeli Army. As a member of the 188th Armored Brigade, Chasnoff was voted Outstanding Soldier of the Company and deployed to Lebanon for a tour of duty against Hezbollah. *The 188th Crybaby Brigade* is Chasnoff's humorous memoir about his year in the Israeli military.

A portion of all proceeds from sales of *The 188th Crybaby Brigade* is donated to Chasnoff's charitable foundation, Project Elijah.

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