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"The gripping, often heartbreaking story of Chosen Company's time in the Waigal Valley...In a style reminiscent of Stephen Ambrose's *Band of Brothers*, Zoroya takes readers beyond the blood and sweat of close combat and into the hearts and minds of the soldiers themselves. The result is an intensely personal and heart-wrenching tale of courage, love, and loss...a vivid portrait of America's war in Afghanistan...brutally honest in the telling, in a way that will affect readers deeply...*The Chosen Few* is an exceptional book...as revealing as it is enthralling. For military readers, *The Chosen Few* is a 'must read'; few books are as insightful, especially with respect to the character, courage, and commitment of those fighting for the future of Afghanistan. For readers with preconceived notions of what it means to engage in the 'forever war,' this book is a necessary addition to the bookshelf."? *Military Review*

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"[Zoroya] has given life to Chosen Company's story. His book...offers a personal look at what the Army soldiers endured in Afghanistan's remote Waigal Valley."

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About the Author

Gregg Zoroya is an award-winning journalist at *USA Today*, where he has written about the impact of war on troops and issues related to the care of veterans. He has traveled nearly twenty times into war zones in the Middle East and South Asia and has recently joined the editorial board for *USA Today*. Zoroya lives near Washington, DC.

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