

Forgotten Voices of the Falklands.  
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Those of us with long enough memories will have found it hard to believe that the Falklands War marked its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. To coincide with this, Ebury Press have published the latest in their excellent Forgotten Voices series.

The format is identical with that of the other four books, and brings together the words of participants in the conflict, Argentinean, British and Falkland islanders, military and civilian. Apart from the raw power of some of the testimonies, and the deeply evocative quality of others this is a collection which not only brings home the sheer awfulness of war and the suffering it engenders but also the courage, honour and black humour of the participants.

Every reader who lived through the Falklands war will find material that reminds them of those weeks in 1982, whether it be the words of leading soldiers, sailors or airmen, the reports of journalists or the experiences of islanders; and this material brings it all alive once more for the reader and reminds us of the heroism and sacrifice that kept the islands under the British flag.

To read this collection of testimonies while the UK has troops committed in both Iraq and Afghanistan serves also as a powerful reminder of what they are going through, albeit facing an even more fanatical and brutal enemy.

Ebury Press are owed a huge debt for this further instalment of living history that makes events of the past spring so effectively to life in the present.

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