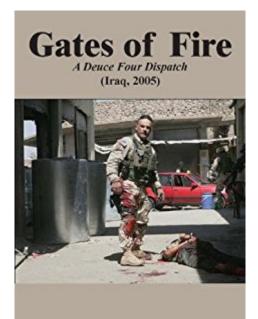
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# Gates Of Fire: Close Combat During The Battle For Mosul, Iraq



**Michael Yon** 



### Synopsis

American soldiers at war: As witnessed, photographed and written by Michael Yon. From "Gates of Fire": â œThere was a guick and heavy volume of fire. And then LTC Kurilla was shot. Three bullets reach flesh: One snaps his thigh bone in half. Both legs and an arm are shot. Kurilla was running when he was shot, but he didnâ <sup>™</sup>t seem to miss a stride; he did a crazy judo roll and came up shooting. Kurilla, though down and unable to move, was fighting and firing, yelling at the two young soldiers to get in there.â | â •â œProsser had beaten the terrorist in the head three times with his fist and was gripping his throat, choking him. But Prosserâ <sup>™</sup>s gloves were slippery with blood so he couldnâ <sup>™</sup>t hold on well. At the same time, the terrorist was trying to bite Prosserâ <sup>™</sup>s wrist.â |â •Praise for Michael Yonâ ™s battlefield reporting:â œHeâ ™s fearlessâ |provides a candid, soldierâ <sup>™</sup>s-eye viewâ |from the very unique perspective of being there with them for weeks and months at a timeâ |delv[ing] deep into the human component.â •-General DAVID H. PETRAEUS, commanding general, Multi-National Force, Iragâ œMichael Yonâ ™s voice is the voice of the soldier, often unfazed by what he sees, mission-focused and battle-hardened. These guys donâ ™t scare easily, and they never let up, and Michael tells the story from their point of view.â -BRIAN WILLIAMS, Anchor, NBC Nightly Newsâ œCuts through the fog of warâ vividâ shocking and mesmerizing.â •-THE BOSTON HERALDâ œYon covers soldiersâ |the old-fashioned way: He goes down the back alleys and the bad roads.â •-JOE GALLOWAY, author of We Were Soldiers Onceâ And Youngâ œâ [R]ack[ed] up more time embedded with combat units than any other journalist.â •-THE NEW YORK TIMESâ œâ ∥ havenâ ™t seen anything quite like the coverage in Michael Yonâ <sup>™</sup>s dispatches from Mosulâ |a compelling narrative.â •-MICHAEL BARONE, US NEWS AND WORLD REPORTâ œHis readers have learned what most Americans would not know from NBC, ABC, CBS, PBS, and NPR.â •-former NEW YORK TIMES foreign correspondent CLIFFORD MAYâ œMichael Yon brings it.â | If you want to know what is going on in this war, read him.â - Thomas E. Ricks, author of Fiasco, and military correspondent, THE WASHINGTON POSTâ œâ [[1]nfuriated his military handlers, even as [he] gave American soldiers a robust new voice.â •-THE LOS ANGELES TIMESMichael Yon is an American author, independent writer, columnist and photographer. In 2008, The New York Times reported that Michael Yon has spent more time embedded with combat units than any writer in Iraq. Michael Yon also spends a great amount of time unembedded. During 2009, he wrote from Israel, Afghanistan, the Philippines, Brunei, the Netherlands, Singapore, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Nepal, and the United States. Michael plans to spend much of 2010 in Afghanistan because the AfPak war will have a tremendous impact on the United States, Great Britain, NATO, and the

region. His work is supported primarily by gifts from readers.

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This is a short, easy read that tells about one battle where a few Americans man up and protect themselves and their teammates. Captivating story of Prosser fighting the terrorist, even in hand to hand combat, and coming out on top. Few in our country have a clue what our men go thru. Thank you Michael Yon for documenting.

It would be nice if the liberal media could report truth and not slanted views like this guy does! Go Michael, I own two of your books.

While Gate can perhaps find a 2nd career in screen play writing - his descriptions, though occasionally graphic - are very detailed, it's almost as if he is describing every scene and every incident for a sketch artist. Unfortunately, by focusing on describing the visual details of the scenery, he does not capture the spirit or the emotions of what he saw, the unsaid story, what's going inside the mind of the people involved, or his own feelings as he witnesses violence, injuries and even

death.that combined with the fact that book does not enough photos for what's listed as photojournalism makes me give it three stars.

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