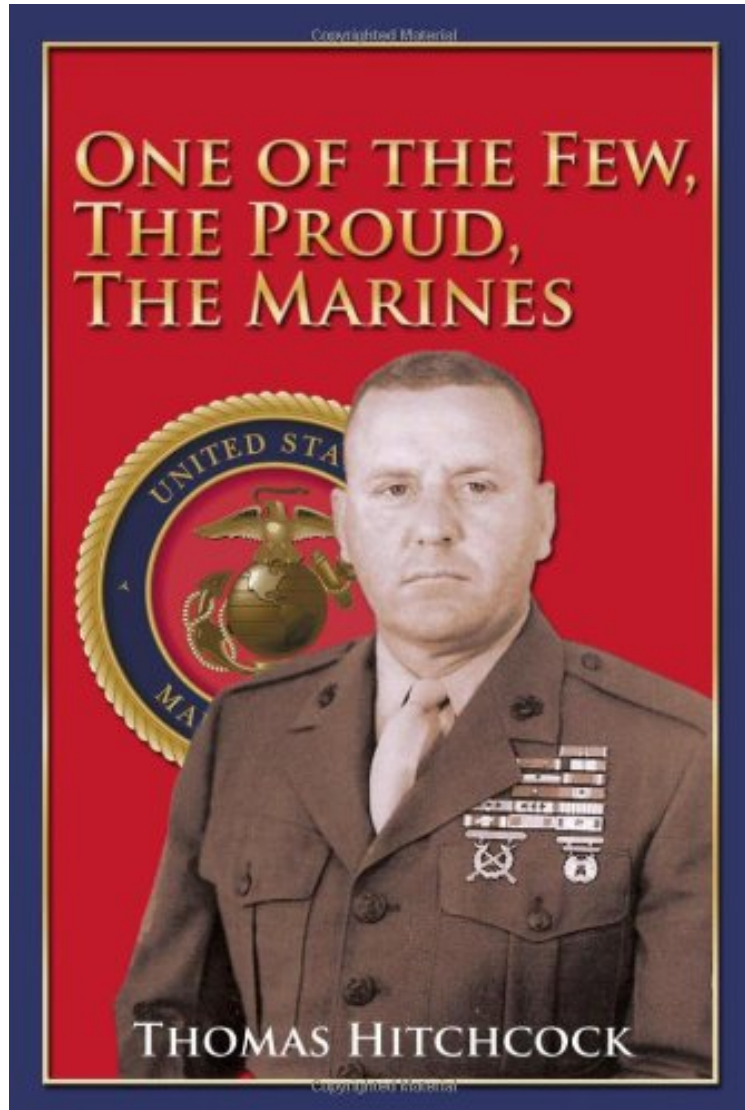


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Semper FiBy cecil bozeI enlisted in the Marine Corps on the 5th of July 1968. I first met Gunnery Sergeant T.J Hitchcock at around 0200 while standing at the position of attention on a set of yellow footprints behind the receiving barracks at MCRD San Diego. He was the Senior Drill Instructor, or Platoon Commander, of recruit training platoon 2037. As a drill instructor, I regarded him as an exemplary Marine.... Fair, but as tough as was necessary to take a boy and turn him into a Marine, over the years have thought of him often.

Thanks to this book I was able to track him down and yesterday, June 9 2013.....45 years later, I had the privilege of visiting him at his home, to let him know what an important influence on my life that he was and is, to pay my respects and to have him sign my copy of his book. It was an excellent visit. If you are a Marine.....read this book. Written in the vernacular, it is like sitting down and listening to the Gunney tell the story of a life of service and dedication to his Country and his Corps.....the character of the man shines through. At nearly 81 the Gunney is still active and still every inch the Marine. I look forward to seeing him again.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Stephanie L. KirkseyStrongly recommend this !! Thomas did a great job!!Mr Hitchcock passed away this week- it was my honor to have helped take care of him- this book will make you cry, laugh and drop your jaw. You will be missed Marine0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Keeps your interestBy RenaeVery interesting. Keeps your attention. I'm kind of a stickler for grammar and that's why I gave it four stars. I have actually met this man.

This book, One of the Few, The Proud, The Marines, follows my life from birth to my retirement after twenty-four years in the Marine Corps. This book, however, is not about my life.The objective of this book is to show you, the reader, what it takes, what you must do, and what you go through to become a professional Marine.Out of the thousands of men who enter the Marine Corps each year, only a few deserve the right to be called a professional Marine. Some make a career of the Corps and even stay in long enough to retire, but they never reach their goal of being a professional.I believe I deserve that right. You be the judge.

About the AuthorI have written five books. This is the first one to make it to a publisher. I had very little education. My parents died when I was very young. I had to quit school and go to work in order to live.I joined the United States Marine Corps in 1951. I was in the Korean and Vietnam wars. I have three Purple Heart Medals, a Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V," and twenty-one other medals and ribbons.I am seventy-seven years old and can still wear my dress blues uniform, as you can see in my photos.I retired from the Corps in 1975, and I live in the Missouri Ozarks. I still play the guitar and sing and clubs and parties from time to time.