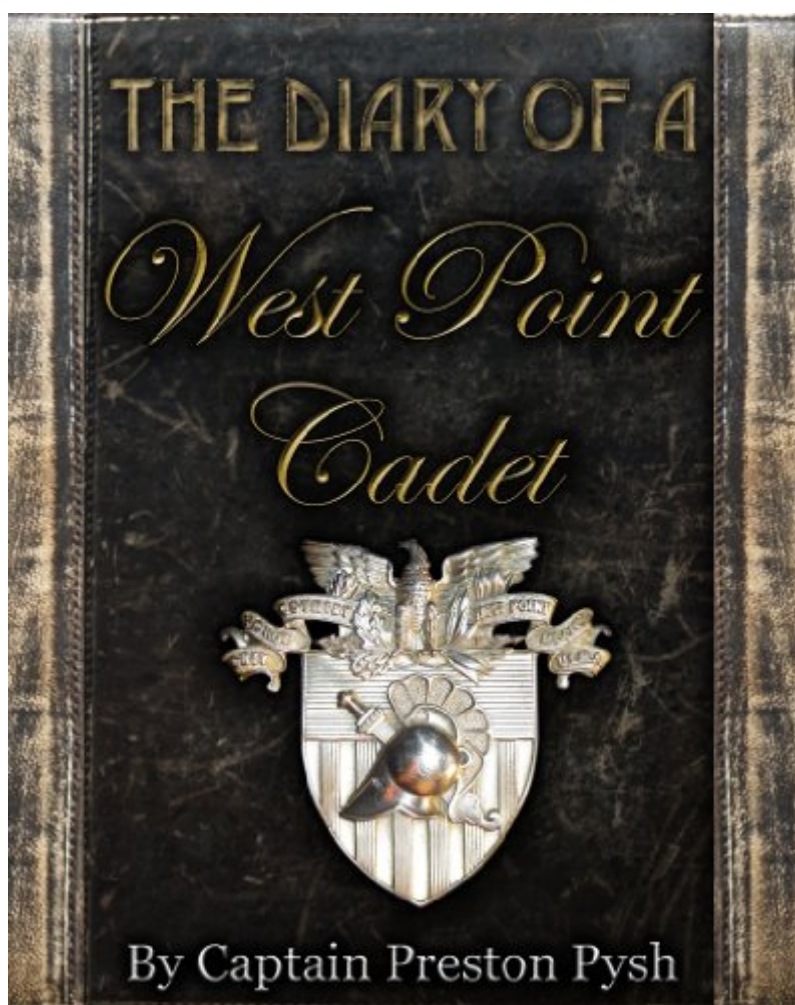


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The Diary Of A West Point Cadet: Captivating And Hilarious Stories For Developing The Leader Within You



Synopsis

Let's be honest. A lot of books about West Point or leadership can be very dry. Learning doesn't have to be that way. In "The Diary of a West Point Cadet," by Captain Preston Pysh, the author teaches essential West Point leadership through the most fun and unique reading of any book in its class. Each intriguing firsthand account of Preston's top 12 enthralling and hilarious stories from attending West Point, will capture your interest and imagination. The stories walk the reader down a personal journey many outsiders never see behind the thick stoney walls. As an added bonus, Preston efficiently summarizes how each gripping story taught him a vital leadership lesson that prepared him to be a combat commander with the renown 101st Airborne Division. If you are an aspiring cadet, a small-group leader, or even an emerging leader in corporate America, this book is for you. If you like twists and turns while reading and learning, you are in for a treat. Learning about leadership and the United States Military Academy has never been this fun. Prepare to be glued to your seat and the text as you experience unforgettable stories and lessons from "The Point."

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This book taught me so many things, me wanting to go to West Point myself it gave me amazing preparation knowledge. But u don't need to fully appreciate this amazing novel. I highly recommend this book to everyone, young or old. So what are waiting for, go on and get this awesome book.

Do not read this book thinking it is a "year in the life" type book about West Point. BUT . . . it is still worth buying/reading, particularly for potential attendees of West Point or other service academies. This ISN'T a diary, but the lengthy title, after the "diary" reference, gives you some more accurate information about the content of the book: A relatively recent West Point grad (class of 2002 or so?) has put together a collection of stories from his time at West Point to shed light on his philosophies of leadership. The stories are indeed funny (one referencing a stubbornly stinky room is a favorite), and help you get a snapshot both of life at that institution and of the type of individual that is likely to succeed at West Point -- smart; determined; and with a good sense of humor and perspective. The leadership lessons are good, although relatively generic. I'd say this book will be most valuable and memorable to future cadets/midshipmen at the nation's service academies, as Captain Pysh does a great job of showing how some seemingly illogical traditions and/or training practices do indeed have a deeper purpose than just making the younger cadets miserable. Captain Pysh has also done a nice job by following up some of the heroes of his West Point-era anecdotes and reporting on their later, very successful army careers; again, a good way to show would-be service academy attendees why it all will matter later. One minor downside is that Captain Pysh, who sounds like a really gifted engineer (he invents something tested by NASA, which is pretty cool) writes like one too -- there are some vocabulary and grammar mistakes that better copy editing would have/should have caught. But it does seem like this is authentically his voice, which is ultimately the most important thing.

As my son is contemplating accepting an offer to play football at USMA....a dream come true for him...I decided to finally read this book which he read years ago. I was expecting the typical R-day and Beast Barracks horror stories. However, I was not expecting to laugh as much as I did or to come away with such valuable concepts for leadership which are applicable not only for the military and corporate worlds but also for my life as the mother of four children. This was excellent.

This book was a joy to read. It was full of captivating storytelling that illustrated important leadership lessons in memorable ways. I would recommend this book especially if a person is considering applying to attend West Point. Kudos to the author on writing a great book, but even more for his hard work in reaching his West Point goals and his honorable military service for our nation.

Great book with a lot of details and real stories of West Point! My daughter is applying to West Point January 2016 so I wanted to get her some books to read. I purchased several and read them myself as well. This book is my favorite by far and was entertaining and even more enlightening!! We read the book then purchased it on Audible as well:)

Book arrived in perfect condition. Bought this book for a relative that attended West Point. A Christmas gift I'm sure he will enjoy.

Wow!!! What an inspiring and informative look into the life of a West Point Cadet. I loved that each chapter had a Bottom Line Up-Front the BLUF. My favorite message from the book was to write down your five long term goals and five short term goals. I recommend that people of all ages will enjoy and receive the leadership messages that are pouring out of "The Diary of a West Point Cadet" and it is so easy to reading. I especially recommend this book to students to read during their 7th and 8th grades of school.

The author is a wonderful storyteller that combines insightful leadership lessons into an extremely entertaining narration about personal experiences and life lessons. I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

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