



This month, I read *Sunrise Over Fallujah*, by Walter Dean Myers. Robin, a young recruit, just joined the US Army's Civil Affairs battalion, having no idea what he was doing. His battalion, or a large group of soldiers, has just been deployed to Iraq to help put a human face on this war. Robin, stuck in chaos, just wants to come home alive. But with rifle fire and bombs exploding, Robin and his squad must do their job to save lives. Will he and his team survive to tell this tale? I think the theme of this book is that it is hard to hate people when others see people as people.

I would rate this book an 8/10 because of how the author laid the characters out in small little bits and how suspenseful and action-packed it was. Something that was hard for me was the graphic events and sadness of war. I feel like people who like action and thrill, while learning about historical locations and events, would enjoy this book. Warning: This book contains some mild language, violence, graphic events, and sexual assault.

Pitch 1: Violence + human nature + survival = *Sunrise Over Fallujah*

Pitch 2: Human

Pitch 3: Is the side you think is good, actually good?