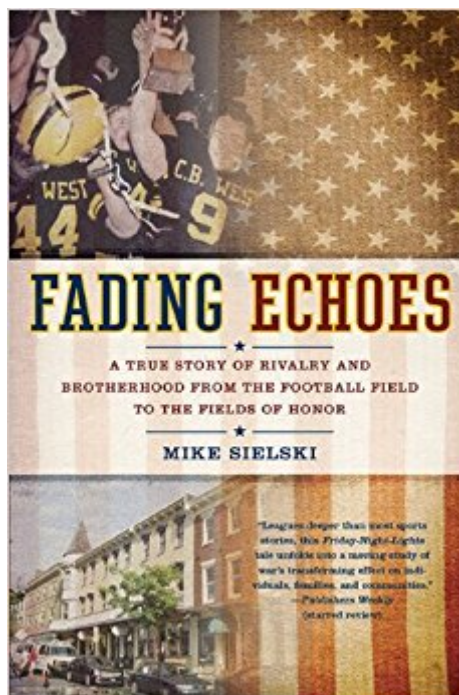




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Fading Echoes: A True Story Of Rivalry And Brotherhood From The Football Field To The Fields Of Honor



Synopsis

Now in paperback-a true story of hometown heroes. In a state that prides itself on hard-hitting gridiron epics, Doylestown, Pennsylvania, was home to the greatest high school football rivalry: the Central Bucks West, captained by senior fullback/linebacker Bryan Buckley, versus the Central Bucks East, led by senior lineman Colby Umbrell. Bryan and Colby would meet each other as opponents on the game field, but their dreams and devotion to their country led each of them to the conflict in the Middle East-Colby as an Army Ranger, and Bryan as a Marine. Only one would make it back to Doylestown. And nothing about them, their families, or their hometown's connection to football would ever be the same

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Customer Reviews

Starred Review. With the biggest high school football rivalry in Pennsylvania as his backdrop, Sielski tells the tale of two opposing Doylestown, Penn. players who each abandoned gridiron dreams to fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Central Bucks West senior captain Bryan Buckley and Central Bucks East senior Colby Umbrell, two standout players, graduated in 1999 to pursue collegiate (and possibly professional) ball careers. After Sept. 11, 2001, they were both inspired to abandon sports and serve their country, Buckley with the Marines and Umbrell with the Army Rangers. Both deployed to the Middle East in 2006, but only one survived, a tragedy that shook the idyllic Philadelphia suburb to its core. Local sportswriter Sielski (*How to Be Like Jackie Robinson*) recreates prep football games, military training and war-time battles in rich detail, based on dozens

of interviews, letters and e-mail correspondence. Leagues deeper than most sports stories, this Friday-night-lights tale unfolds into a moving study of war's transforming effect on individuals, families and communities. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Mike Sielski is a sports journalist and author. Born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and raised just outside Philadelphia, Mike holds degrees from La Salle University of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He has been a sports columnist at the Philadelphia Inquirer since 2013 and was named the top sports columnist in America by the Sports Editors of the Associated Press. He is the author of *Fading Echoes: A True Story of Rivalry and Brotherhood from the Football Field to the Fields of Honor* and the coauthor of *How to Be Like Jackie Robinson: Life Lessons from Baseball's Greatest Hero*.

A great insight on mNy different fronts: Brought back memories of my football-playing days, I was able to get into the minds of football coaches, our soldier warriors and got a feel for the mindset of those same warriors as they face death every day. Written real well, was worth much more than the \$1 cover price (Mike Sielski told me that it was selling REAL cheaply). I would definitely recommend this book to anyone interested in football and/or in the middle east conflicts.

Great product, works as advertised.

Outstanding!Having lived in CB and witnessed many of the 59 win streak games, this book brought back so many great memories. The story told of these two heroes was touching in so many ways. Great Read and highly recommended.

Great history!

SUPER BOOKRECOMMENDED READING FOR ALL

This was purchased as a gift for my children who attended Doylestown high schools but now live States away. It was like coming home through the pages of the book. I have recommended this to many people, who in turn have ordered it, recommended it and created more sales of *Fading Echoes*. Even in-laws who know nothing of the local characters, have found this to be well worth reading.

Thank you for telling this story. My in laws are from the Doylestown area and lived this experience. I bought the book for my husband and he loved it. I picked it up one day and could not put it down until I knew these young men better. Praise to the author's writing style and special praise for the two men who gave so much to our country.

I bought this book for my husband for Valentine's Day because it was about two things he loves: football and war~! He loved the book! Great writer!

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