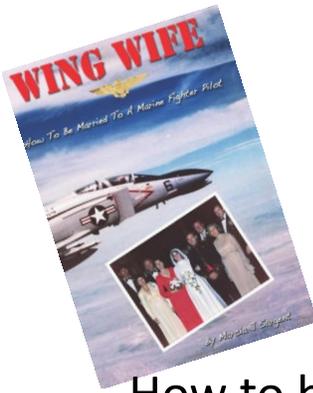


MWSA's First Book Forum



Wing Wife:

How to be Married to a Marine Fighter Pilot

By

Award-winning Author

This is our first opportunity to learn together in the forum on our new site.

Marcia Sargent will discuss her memoir, *Wing Wife: How to be Married to a Marine Fighter Pilot*. There will be two forum threads — one on writing technique and the issues associated with memoirs, and one on the uplifting message and content of *Wing Wife*. In order to maximize the experience and enrich the discussion, we encourage you to purchase the book and read it prior to the discussion.

[Wing Wife is available as an ebook on Amazon](#) at or you can get a special price of \$11.00 on a hard copy from Marcia on her site until March 21. [Here's the link.](#)

The forum will continue throughout the weekend. It is free to MWSA members.

Non-Members are welcome, contact MWSAPresident@gmail.com for details

[Website: www.marciajsargent.com](http://www.marciajsargent.com)

Blog: wingwife.blogspot.com/

www.militarywriters.com

Friday, March 23—7pm EST until Sunday, March 25 — 5pm EST 2012

WING WIFE

How To Be Married To A Marine Fighter Pilot A Memoir by Marcia J Sargent

The truth? I never flew in a military high performance aircraft. Not even once. But I married a Marine fighter pilot. In the testosterone-heavy atmosphere of jet jockeys, I lived with Peter Pan and his boys, who all denied they had to grow up. I breathed in pixie dust, and soared high above reality, believing they'd all live forever in Never Neverland.

Reviews

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Wing Wife is simultaneously funny and tragic. But above all, it is authentic. Marcia Sargent's exceptional account of her life as the wife of a Marine Corps fighter pilot is not only a great read, but also an entertaining study of a unique social dynamic. As such, it is also an important addition to the historical record. --LtCol Jay Stout, USMC (Retired), F/A 18 pilot 1981 to 2001. Author of *To Be a U.S. Naval Aviator, Hammer from Above: Marine Air Combat Over Iraq, Hornets over Kuwait*

There are many books about brave men in their flying machines. Now, finally, we have the chance to see how they really live, from a person who has seen both the professional and childlike sides of Marine fighter pilots. The saying goes, "Being a Marine wife is the hardest job in the Corps." This outstanding book proves this true. A must-read. --MSgt Benjamin Spotts (retired) Plane captain on F-4 Phantoms and F/A-18 Hornets, Maintenance Chief on F/A-18s.

...Marcia's ability to relate the traditional ceremonies of the Marine Corp made me feel as if I was there and goose bumps popped up on my arms.....

She tells of the deaths of flyers and the sorrow and grief that follow in a very poignant and realistic manner. It is hard to deal with when it is a friend, but even harder when it is a family member. Many strong bonds are formed through shared lives.

Read this book for the well-written insight it gives about Marine life or just for the enjoyment. --
Katharine Boyer for Midwest Reviews (March 2012)

Also read reviews by MWSA members Joyce Faulkner, Kathy Rodgers, Bonnie Latino, and Leila Levinson at [Amazon](#)

Biography

A Marine fighter pilot's wife from 1975 until 1987, Marcia observed and interacted with military aviators and their spouses when they still had a great time and damned the consequences. When her husband "Snatch" retired back to Southern California, she issued imperatives in her elementary school classrooms and worked as a social studies and language arts mentor for Saddleback Unified School District. A University of California-Irvine Writing Fellow, she wrote she wrote the Interact (Social Studies School Service) simulations CHINA and EGYPT with over \$800,000 in sales and two recently published YA fantasy/adventure books DAY MONSTERS and NIGHT MONSTERS.

When not writing, she walks the sand in Laguna Beach with her husband and a golden retriever named Sir Lancelot. Her cat named Snicklefritz and an African Grey parrot, Princess Aurora, wait at home since they do not like immersion in salt water.

Visit her website <http://www.marciajsargent.com> to find out more about her writing, see photos of people and places and planes, and to read her blog.

Marcia never flew high performance aircraft, yet she learned to appreciate and maneuver through the irreverent, technical, and dangerous world of the Marine aviator—at and under her husband's wing.

In *WING WIFE: How To Be Married To A Marine Fighter Pilot*, a memoir of the first few years of her marriage to a jet jockey, Marcia navigates the unfamiliar sides of officer's wives, military expectations, and the loss of loved ones. Over time she has to realize what she risks by loving a man who flies.

WING WIFE brings the reader intimately into the bawdy, comedic, and tragic world of the Marine Corps aviator and the aviator's wife.

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Kathleen M. Rodgers—award-winning author of *The Final Salute: Together We Live On*, a novel based on her life as an Air Force fighter pilot's wife.

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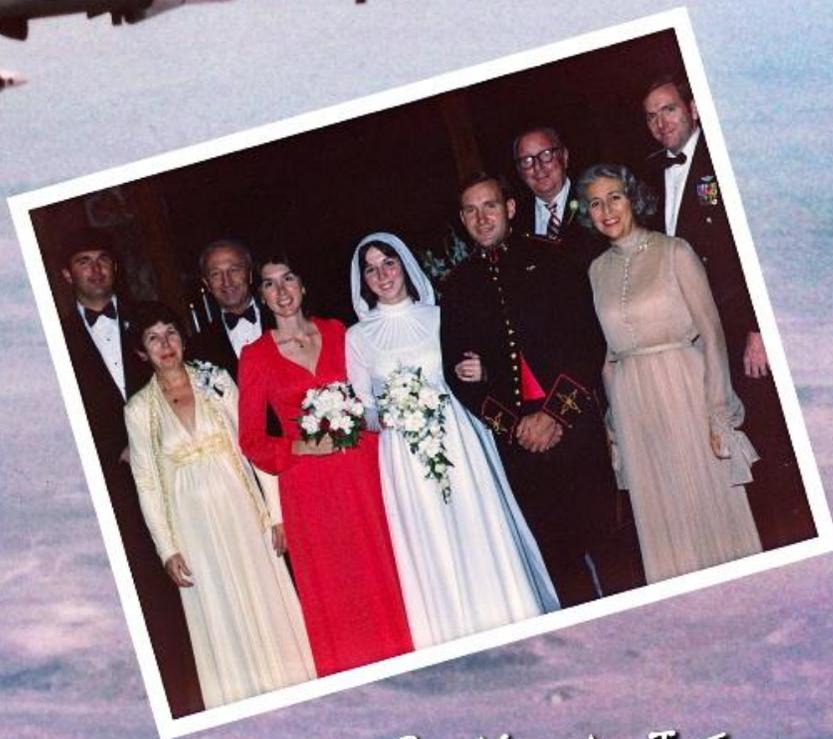


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