

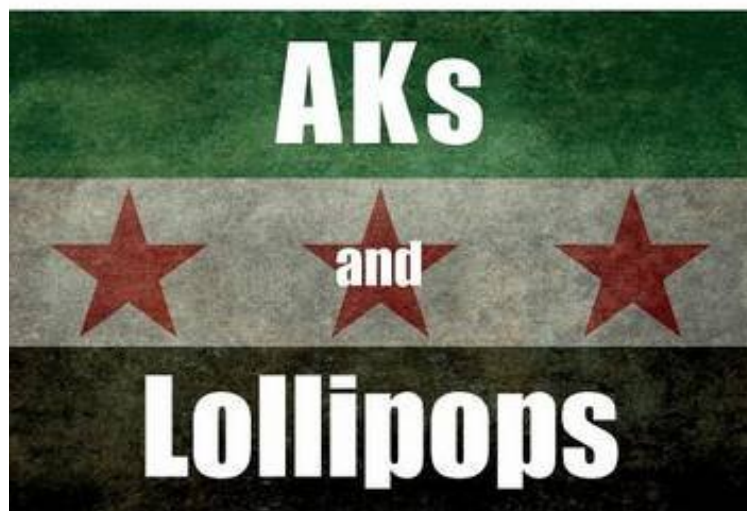
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Paddy Vipond : AKs and Lollipops: Inside The Syrian Conflict before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised AKs and Lollipops: Inside The Syrian Conflict:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Must-Read! Paddy puts his pen where his heart is and shows us all we CAN Make a difference if we choose to! By Todd Tavalazzi I was in awe of Paddy's dedication, empathy and courage in the face of extreme danger. I recently published a novel (LOOKING INTO THE SUN) based on freelance reporters risking all to tell the heartbreaking story of the atrocities in modern Syria during the Syrian people's fight against ISIS and the repressive regime. Paddy didn't just publish a story...he published his own personal experience of being there with the people fighting for their freedom. He stayed with the Syrian people and recorded his experiences with the people fighting for the future of their country. He recounts his real experiences of getting shot at and mortared

while visiting the brave Syrian people who endure this reality every day. He set up a charitable organization, DoWhatYouCan.co.uk., now defunct, but at the time it was active it helped relieve some of the hardship many hundreds of thousands of people are experiencing in their own country. How many of us can say that? Not many. His support gave Syrian children basic needs in the form of jackets, shoes, food and everyday household needs. I admire him more than I can every say. If we all took his philosophy of "do what you can", we may not even be dealing with a crisis in Syria. Please read his account and then...by all means...do what you can. There are many charitable outlets to help. I am donating a percentage of the profits from my book to Save the Children as a way to show that all of us can do something to help. Bravo Paddy! I admire and respect your heart and sacrifice! I hope we will all take your lead and do what we can!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. AKs and Lollipops will take you on an emotional ride towards the front line
By EbA great read which gives the reader an insight in what is really happening in Syria today !! But more importantly stresses a situation of innocent lives taking desperate measures to survive everyday!
An unforgettable read especially for younger adults a firsthand experience what is really happening in syriamostly above all it proves how important it is for you to "Do What You Can"

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By PriscaPaddy Vipond wrote a captivating book based on his personal notes during his time in Syria 2013. In "AKs and Lollipops" he introduces his thoughts on the conflict as well as philosophical, historical and topical background information. Being all honest about the ups and downs, the failures and the success of his ambitious journey "to those who need help" it creates a sound description of the daily life of Syrian people close to the Turkish boarder and covers his experiences with the civilians, refugees and FSA soldiers. It is easy to believe that Paddy truly cares for the Syrian people and it is a good contrast to the general reports of the media, picturing the war in numbers and focusing on political actions rather than on the civilians suffering. "AKs and Lollipops" (a perfectly fitting title, as you will find out once you read through the book) is a human story. It creates a vivid and touching impression of the ongoing war in Syria from a human point of view. The only sad thing to say is that although Paddy was there in 2013, the content is not outdated but rather still topical.

Since the spring of 2011, Syria has been a country intent on destroying itself. What began as peaceful demonstrations, against the leadership of President Bashar al-Assad, soon became a national uprising to overthrow the dictator. With millions displaced, and hundreds of thousands dead, it is a humanitarian disaster on a scale the world has not seen in decades. In the midst of this turmoil, Paddy Vipond, a young British volunteer, ventured across the border from Turkey to see the situation for himself, and to help those that were suffering. This honest and insightful account of the short time he spent in Syria is a thought-provoking and candid look at a world many of us have turned our backs on. Armed with nothing but a pen and paper, and in the company of a man he had met the day before, Paddy embarked on a journey that would change his life forever. Detailing remarkable stories, and written with warmth and humour, AKs and Lollipops places us alongside Paddy as he parties with Free Syrian Army soldiers, rides tanks with northern rebels, and gets bombed by Assad's military. From his initial illegal entry into the country, right up to his final encounter with ISIS, Paddy paints a picture which is truly impossible to ignore.