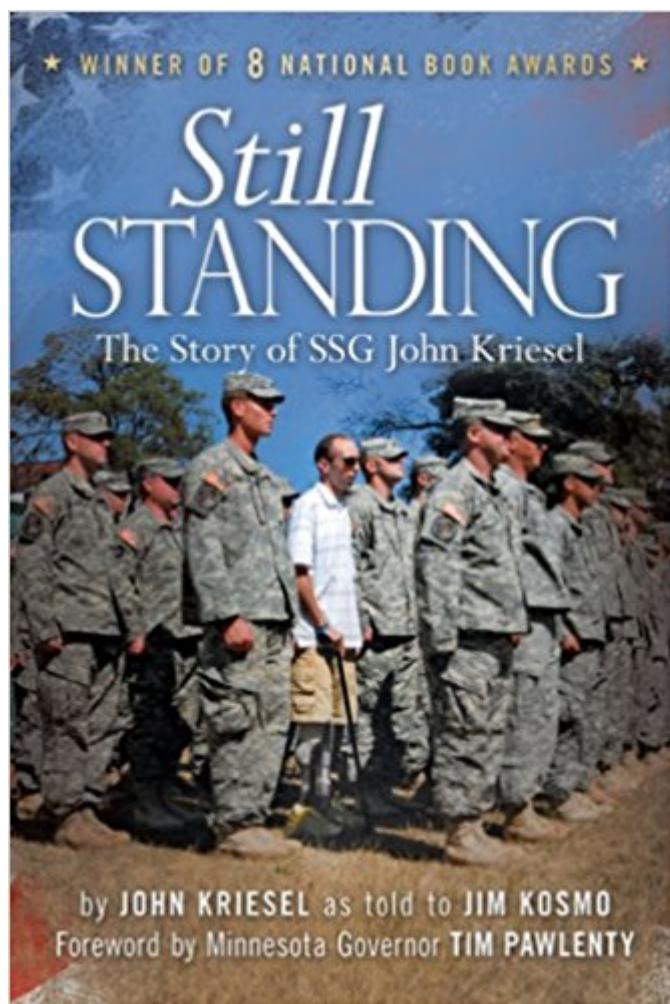


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# Still Standing: The Story Of SSG John Kriesel



## **Synopsis**

When SSG John Kriesel lost his legs and two buddies in a roadside bomb explosion, no one expected him to survive. He died three times on the operating table. Miracles, a lot of miracles, starting with a few grunts who refused to let him die in Iraq, ripped the young warrior from the grip of death and sent him on to four hospitals, thirty-five surgeries, and months of recovery and rehabilitation. Medical miracles put his body back together, but it was an incredible confluence of angels at every step along the way that breathed life into his shattered body. This is not just another war story. This is the story of an ordinary young man who overcame extraordinary challenges with a lot of help from others, including many strangers and he emerged stronger and more in love with his country, his wife, his children, and ultimately, his own life. For more information, please visit [stillstandingstory.com](http://stillstandingstory.com)

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## **Customer Reviews**

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balances his family life with eight adult children and ten grandchildren along with a successful career and the rewards of public service.

Loved this book right away.. Having family in the military it opened my eyes to what it's like for them.. when they return they have to adjust back into everyday life again.. John Krissel did a great job giving his story and was very inspiring to see him rise above the events that happened..

John Kriesel writes about the struggle to reach full recovery from an IED blast in Iraq that nearly killed him with honesty and passion. He lost two brothers in arms that day, and the impact of that loss is obvious. I admire and honor him. He is a true American hero. I highly recommend his book. I cried several times, but I also smiled throughout. I can't wait for the day that he decides to run for Governor. Thank you, Sgt. Kriesel, for your service and sacrifice.

John Kriesel is an American hero... period. His depiction of the events surrounding his injury and the aftermath that followed give the reader a glimpse inside the very real world of a wounded American soldier. The loss he suffered (both physically and emotionally) illustrates the danger and difficulty of the soldiers' task and the bravery with which they face that danger. More importantly, the manner in which John deals with his loss reflects the immense strength of his character and will. I became a fan of John through his frequent appearances on KFAN's Powertrip Morning Show, and my admiration was solidified while reading this book. God bless America!

Got this book for my dad! He read it quickly and said it was excellent !

I've followed John Kriesel via twitter since he burst onto the state capitol stage as a common sense, thoughtful republican. The more I learned about his service and story, the more I wanted to read 'Still Standing.' I found myself glued to each page, split between pride for our country and rage toward our enemies abroad. Kriesel and Cosmo provide a common man's view of life as a soldier, as a casualty, and as a survivor. You'll read this impressed by the care of his team, the care of the system, the support of the community, and the utmost admiration for his wife, Katie. This book is a quick journey through what I'm sure was an eternity of pain, waiting and triumph. You'll close the back cover a better American. You'll seek out a veteran and thank them for their service. Daily.

SSG John Kriesel is not a name most people know outside of the state of Minnesota. Like many of

our brave military men and women he was injured defending us and what he believes. All who go to war say the true heroes are those that don't make it home, but Kries is truly a hero. He is not the only hero in this book however. There are some heroes who didn't make it back. And others who did everything in their power to make sure others did. But in my mind the true hero of the story is John's wife Katie. She stayed strong for John. She stayed strong for their children. This story is not only about a man being injured in battle. But also about his will, and the will of his wife to keep things together and to get better.

I thoroughly enjoyed "Still Standing, By John Kriesel. The story shows what our countries servicemen and woman, who are injured in combat face once they return to America. The stories of what our soliers are facing daily was eye opening. SSGT Kriesel shows great determination and resolve to overcome his injuries. His story is inspiring to everyone who is faced with a life altering accident, injury, or illness. I recommend this book as it was one I could not put down once I picked it up. I found myself making time to read this one! Thank you SSGT. Kriesel for sharing your story with the world.

Once you start reading this book, it's hard to stop. Easy to get attached when you are let into their family and the recovery stage. The story keeps you wanting to see how John and Katie make it through the next challenge. Their story is nothing short of amazing!!

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