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What It Means to Be a Man was written with the Marines the author cares about so much always in mind—young Marines who are the most important asset in the Corps. Realizing his own imperfections, the author has always worked to be a better person based on a lifetime of personal experience as well as thousands of years of vicarious experience gained from reading. The author uses a good bit of both in writing this book in the hopes that it will benefit all those Marines coming along behind. General Bill Mullen retired from the Marine Corps but still cares a great deal about the strength of the Service and the Marines and sailors who continue to serve in it. This book is for all of you—semper fidelis.

Major General Bill Mullen dedicated 34 years of service to the Marine Corps. He served in many different capacities during those years and the thing he misses most about having taken the uniform off is the Marines and sailors he served with. Leading and working with them is a highlight of his life. There are few professions where someone, once finished with it, would say that they would do it all over again. Though filled with plenty of ups and downs, Mullen can truly say that, yes, he would do it all over again. He considers it an honor and a privilege to have served the United States Marines for so long.

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