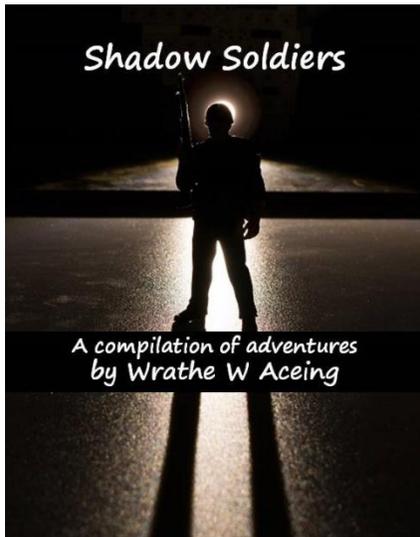


## *Shadow Soldier Series Synopsis*



*Shadow Soldiers* is a series of novellas focused on exploring the world of the soldier, especially how their code of ethics is affected by the challenges of real evil in the world today. More morality play than action adventure, these episodic stories ask the audience to judge their role in the world's challenges.

As each challenge to our society is uncovered, Sarge finds the right mercenaries to fight the evil. Creating Warrior Cadre Management, WCM he builds a diverse team of mercenaries, soldiers, and spies to take on the evil that festers in our world.

Our mercenaries come from all walks of life and as you meet them you may begin to understand their choice of service. They are the new cowboy fighting against evil where it exists.

So sit down and turn a page or two. Each novella brings you something to excite the warrior in you. You may just choose to join them after a few adventures!

### *From ENOUGH - Chapter 1 - Tears*

The slow procession from the hearses to the small painted church under the pecan trees held all in silence. The shuffle of feet on the worn tile floors and the creaking of pews beat out the rhythm of the last march of the Benning family.

He stood at the back, not venturing into the church of his boyhood, out of respect, not fear. He looked at the last of the family he had known lined up in dark pine boxes down the center aisle of the church filled with mourners...

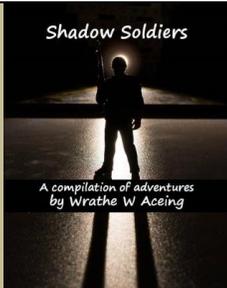
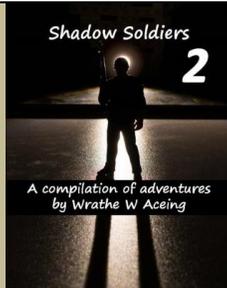
... Sarge, the only name he had used for more than thirty years, stood watch that night and the next day. Finally as the sun set again, he slowly saluted the place where Courtney lay and turned toward the west. He would let the hill country of Texas hold the graves of loved ones. There they would rest but he would not.

A hatred he had never felt before welled up in his very soul. Not a tool used by soldiers in battle, not a force of nature to be explained away by shrinks, but a powerful instinct to abandon his humanity and seek out revenge. He had had enough.

## *The How of Shadow Soldiers*

It was two-thirty in the morning and I awoke in a sweat, screaming from the still vivid nightmare. I had mashed together two divergent stories from the news and the consequence was something beyond acceptable. The novella *Enough* spewed across the pages that weekend and was finished in a two-day session, leaving very little time to reflect or understand. I had to write it and it was dark.

The genre of Military/Thriller came from the first story and other, nightmare induced stories followed.

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I consider these morality plays and hope that they have value, as we look at a world of escalating hatred and evil. There is a saying or pontification from a great writer of the past that translates to *I write it and you judge its value*. I find my value when the pen is placed down and I say finished.

## *As to the Why*

I have come to an opinion and can only provide it without attempting to sway yours.

I believe it is meant to be. The journey of a writer is not controlled by their will but their inner muse or better yet their soul. I was meant to start out writing fantasy novels. I was meant to walk the path of recovery and write about the gift I received. For a good deal of time I believed that my authorship calling was complete. I was happy with my spiritual and fantasy endeavors—silly me. To think I was in control.

I have felt evil in our world and wondered in the dark of the night how it can still exist when we have the tools to stop it. How is it, a child can be sold into slavery in this enlightened world we live in? We spend billions on beauty care and right here on the streets of America children are abused and women are enslaved. Where is the white knight? Where is the cowboy? Who will stand up to the evil we all know exists?

So, without the scars of war, I pick up my weapon and write. If you want to stop an evil, the first thing you need to do is to expose it. *Shadow Soldiers* is not about the right or wrong of the mercenary but the need for society to stand up to the evil it faces.

Of course, nothing is better than meeting warriors and enjoying their amazing company. Maybe that is the continuation of my why. I have fallen in love with the camaraderie of my Shadow Soldiers. I believe you will too!

## *As to the Anonymity*

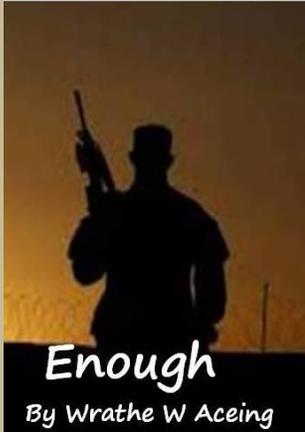
I wear my pen names like a warm blanket on a cold dizzy afternoon, fending off the harsher parts of the world. I am not the piper dancing at the head of the parade but the town crier unseen but not unheard.

I started, desiring to keep the focus on the stories—not the author. I now believe there is need for other authors to join me on this quest. Wrathe W. Aceing is an anagram for “We Are Watching” and I believe that the “we” was and is important.

Have what it takes to be a *Shadow Soldier Scribe*. The best way to find out is to drop me a line and we'll talk. - [Bill.Joyce@vismgt.com](mailto:Bill.Joyce@vismgt.com)

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“ENOUGH” is a military thriller delving into the dark areas of the soldier’s conscience. Set in the Texas and northern Mexico deserts, the action explodes as the characters smolder dealing with their understanding of revenge.

“ENOUGH” is the story of a lifer sergeant whose family is brutally killed by a Mexican drug cartel in the US national forests. The pain of loss moves the soldier to go beyond all he has fought for and to seek revenge. He gathers others to his cause and they too must deal with going beyond their calling.

Called by a friend from his military past, Sergeant James Terrance (JT) Welder forms a team of mercenaries to rescue a little girl and destroy the gang who took her from her family. JT sets up a mission to remove the Dementyev gang from existence. Aligned with law enforcement from Belgium, Interpol and NATO, his challenge will be when the law and the darker side of the mercenary world collide.



How long will society allow our children to be ruined by greedy people? Will a warrior stand and draw the line to end this vile crime? Is this beyond the code of the soldier? Travel with JT and experience the reality of child slavery in the world today.



Mercy Strained is the mission of one dark soldier who entered the military to build the skills necessary to exact her revenge on the monsters that stole her childhood and her womanhood.

The price of allowing child abuse to continue is real and it is time to stand up against this onslaught of evil.

<https://www.books2read.com/u/mvY5ye>

*Mercy Strained* is working on a three-set song package, following the emotional journey of Sherry. Want to take a listen at the working copy of the third song in the mini-opera. Enjoy:

<https://patriciakearleysongwriter.com/track/1423725/is-there-love>

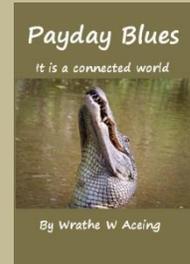


From the novella *Mercy Strained* by Wrathé W. Aceing  
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Making a living is not all that different from any other walk into hell and back again mercenary consulting gig. Building up a clientele base that provides the funds you need and the fun you like is a talent only a few ever master. This adventurer is another romp around the globe with Sergeant James Terrance (JT) Welder introducing a ton of new friends to add to the party!



### *Shadow Soldiers 2*



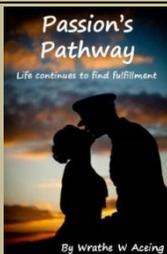
A murder mystery explodes into an international thriller as one of the best from our country's investigative services guides a new detective through the puppet masters seeking world domination.

### *Shadow Soldiers 2*

It is one thing to live the lonely life of the mercenary, always drawn away from home by your chosen career. It is another to be hunted down and have home removed as a place of safety. Follow one soldier as he evades those sent to kill him and returns from the darkest part of the mercenary's world. Home is important and sometimes it is where we finally belong.



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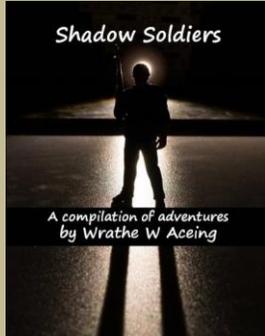
They teased the man with his silly daily routine until he sat them down and told them a story. In youth, we cannot see the life lived by those who traveled the world before us. Hopefully we will seek them out and not let their wisdom get lost in the clutter of our own adventures.

### *Shadow Soldiers 2*

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## *Review by Richard Lang*

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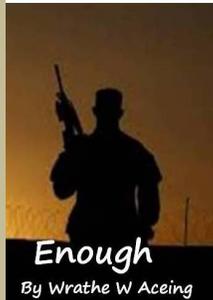
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This book is three separate stories with a common underlying theme, to rid the evil that crossed the threshold of the Shadow Soldier. Each story reveals the darkness we all know exists, but we try to shun and do nothing about. The first story was about a man whose family was tortured and killed by a Mexican Drug Cartel, the Cartel was eliminated. Story two was about a young woman who was abducted and tortured as a child, 100 perverts lost their lives. The final story was prompted by the abduction of a young girl by a human trafficking ring. The ring was eviscerated.

The author provokes these questions. Why do these evils continue to exist in modern cultures? Is the solution as wrong as the darkness? Where do we go from here? I'm not sure there are any answers.

*5 Stars*



## *Review by Tikiri*

I read the first story - Enough of the Shadow Soldiers, in two sittings and, oh my, what a ride it took me! I went to places I've never been before and it opened my eyes to events that I'm sure are happening right now as we speak. It made me realize that even though we live in one continent - Canada, USA, Mexico - how vast this land is and how diverse the people and cultures and experiences are.

The beginning of this story started out VERY strong. It was so compelling; I had a hard time continuing as all I could see were the sad images in my mind. But I continued as I wanted to know more. From all the characters, I liked the character Angel the most. Loved her background and strength, mentally as well and physically. The last paragraph of this story brought tears to my eyes, and I felt something catch in my throat. It was a very poignant piece. I will continue with the book as soon as I get more time. Thanks so much for sharing this story.

<https://tikiriherath.com/>

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A child's torn and broken body pierces the heart of a warrior and changes her homeward travel. Angel cannot board a plane back to her West Texas home while this child's horrible murder remains unsolved in a potter's grave.

Gathering the Shadow Soldiers, she joins forces with the local police detective and seeks out the evil that has infested Florida, Georgia and beyond.

**Domestic Guard**  
Protecting our community



By Wrathé W Aceing



There are other mercenaries in the world and some are not as evil as the newspapers may allege. Peter Altront, Megs, and Emily join forces in Mexico to recover two kidnapped women and bring down an evil international kidnapping ring. At the very start, they find their mission compromised by another sniper.

John tracks him down and makes him a part of WCM Mexico with a little vindication in the end.

To whoever finds this:

This is my final testament to a life lived as I chose. I leave it to others to judge the value of my purpose and actions. I make no excuse or have any misgivings about the path I took in this lifetime. I believe that I was born to be a soldier and I will die as a soldier on the battlefield.

**Lost Soul**  
Soldiers never die they just...



By Wrathé W Aceing



The Shadow Soldier lives a life of anonymity protecting their family from the consequences of their calling. But what happens when evil still finds you and asks you to bring it to the doorstep of your sibling? This is the tale of one mercenary's response to a contract to kill his brother.

When a soldier being considered for recruitment by WCM goes missing, Sarge takes action. Gathering his best including Angel and Blue, they travel to the Middle East and Europe to solve the MIA report being covered up by someone in their own government.

**Recruiting**  
Only the best need apply



By Wrathé W Aceing



## **Bruce Biesel Review**

I have reviewed *Lost Soul*. This short read took me on a journey of honor and pride with a little side trip to guilt and remorse/regret.

I also was able to visit with mystery and awe along with the reality of daily life.

I consider *Lost Soul* to be an excellent read on preliminary review and look forward to reading the entire series as well.

## **Review by Kris K. Loomis** <https://www.kkrisloomis.com/books/>

I just finished *Domestic Guard*. Thank you so much for including me in your beta group!

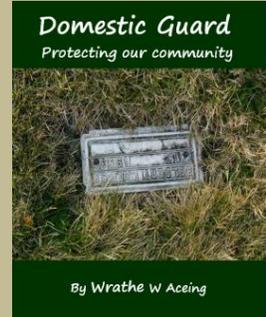
I have not read the other books in the series but had no problem following the characters or the storyline. It was kind of like a TV series where some of the characters are showcased more in some episodes than others, so I can easily see how the cast of characters would relate in the other novellas and short stories.

Story arc: I felt that you set up the tension and stakes well at the beginning, and I felt satisfied with the conclusion.

Character evaluation: I was able to grasp each character quickly and got enough backstory on the main characters to sense their interest (and potential problems) in working the case.

Overall: I really like the direct writing style and the themes explored in the work. I saw the players as a super-hero cast and it was great to see good take the day! I especially liked the scene with Sherry, Peter, and the judge in the section Justice Dispensed. And I liked the length of the scenes; there was a nice flow and I had no trouble keeping up with anything at all.

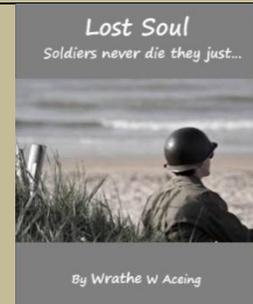
Please keep me updated on the project so that I can know when I can leave a review!



WOW. This novella was an awesome read! Honestly, it is the first time I haven't struggled with how to nicely word some tough criticism. Well done. When Jason and Elizabeth had to part ways, I found myself holding back some tears. Though I knew from the beginning that death would be his fate, I again wanted to cry when it actually came.

Perhaps my willingness to shed some tears was tied to me connecting this fictional story to a real life person who served in the army as a grunt and who recently passed away from cancer—or perhaps not. The point is, you were able to get me to connect with the character. Kudos, as not many people can do this in novellas, especially.

I had no trouble following the story even though I hadn't read any previous stories in the collection. In fact, the glossary provided at the end wasn't needed in order to follow along and be swept away by it.



**Kimberly Jones**

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