



A Collection of Stories From Three  
Decades In Olive Green

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*"When the chips are down, some men are trained to simply rise to the occasion and take charge, even if it means exposing yourself to even greater danger. And yet, for heroes to emerge, you don't always need to be in a combat situation. Olive Diaries bring to the fore some of these day to day stories, written from the perspective of an author who himself is and has been a part of the 'system'. Each story focuses and brings out the different nuances of life in uniform."*

- Shiv Kunal Verma

Indian Military Historian & Documentary Filmmaker

'Olive Diaries' is a collection of seven sensitive stories that brings out precious moments from the lives of ordinary people and their extraordinary deeds. It is not just a saga of exceptional bravery and courage but an authentic account of trials and tribulations in the lives of faceless heroes putting their heart and soul into everything that they do. The stories gently reveal to the readers, finer nuances of the lives of our real heroes while they live their qualifying acts. These brave hearts go on doing what they think they ought to be doing, unmindful of the fact that it invariably remains much beyond the call of their duty.

All stories in this collection are born out of some very personal and intimate experiences of the author who has spent over three decades in the Indian Army as a commissioned officer.

This book is for all those who are not afraid of breaking myths and stereotypes that have been built around the sentinels of this great nation.



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