



Progressive Book Club Chooses *The Unforgiving Minute* by Craig M. Mullaney as May PBC Pick

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As President Obama and his administration craft our nation's foreign policy and military strategies for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and beyond, this candid, eloquent memoir offers a rare first-hand look at what soldiers experience both in battle and as they prepare to fight.

[The Unforgiving Minute](#) is an unforgettable self-portrait of one young soldier, Craig M. Mullaney, a blue-collar boy whose unique education came by way of West Point, Oxford (he was a Rhodes Scholar), and Afghanistan, where, as a Captain in the Army Rangers, he learned the hard lessons only war can teach.

In Afghanistan, despite all his preparation, he confronted questions harder than any he'd faced before. When the call came to lead his platoon into battle and earn his soldiers' salutes, would he be ready? Was his education sufficient for the unforgiving minutes he'd face?

The Washington Post writes, "In this extraordinary book, Mullaney has taken the trouble to look very closely, and has had the courage to discover the limits to his own understanding. Readers will be fascinated to look over his shoulder."

The *Unforgiving Minute* is the searching memoir of one gifted young American grappling with the weight of his hard-earned knowledge, while at last coming to terms with what it really means to be a man.

The *Unforgiving Minute* is the twelfth PBC Pick for Progressive Book Club, which launched its Web site in June of 2008, following *The Big Squeeze: Tough Times For the American Worker* by Steven Greenhouse (June), *Moral Clarity: A Guide for Grown-up Idealists* by Susan Neiman (July), *The Power of Progress: How America's Progressives Can (Once Again) Save Our Economy, Our Climate, And Our Country* by John Podesta (August), *The Way of the World: A Story of Truth and Hope in an Age of Extremism* by Ron Suskind (September), *The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems* by Van Jones (October), *Promised Land* by Jay Parini (November), *State by State*, edited by Matt Weiland and Sean Wilsey (December), *The Defining Moment* by Jonathan Alter (January), *The Inheritance* by David E. Sanger (February), *Angels and Ages* by Adam Gopnik (March), and *Food Matters* by Mark Bittman (April).

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