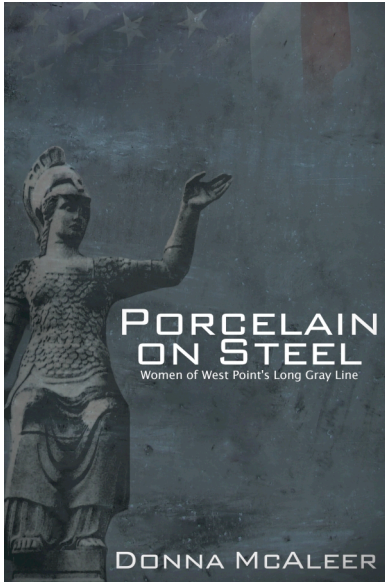


PORCELAIN ON STEEL: Women of West Point's Long Gray Line

By Donna McAleer



Porcelain on Steel is a powerful and inspirational portrait of the women who serve—not just our country, but their families, their communities, and their own commitment to a purposeful and meaningful life. These women profiled had the courage and strength to attend West Point—the toughest and most elite military school in the nation—and have the heart and soul to be role models for women everywhere. If there is a woman in your life who seeks more inspiration than the coked-up sex kittens of Hollywood can hand out, this book is for her. We can find our own best selves in the women of *Porcelain on Steel*.

An insider's tour of one of America's most storied institutions, this book describes what takes to succeed in the high-pressure, high-performance, high-testosterone lab that produces leaders for the Army and for our Nation.

In an era where the American public is saturated with women selling sexuality, this book highlights those who are blessed with strong character traits, and who use them to make a positive contribution. Leadership is a matter of character, of how to be, not how to do it. Leadership is instilled in you—and the great leaders described in *Porcelain on Steel* in turn instill the virtue in others. Their qualities and strength of character would lead to success in any era but their stories are especially relevant for today.

“In a world where change and challenge are certain, character matters. The women of West Point have proven that they have the right stuff in terms of character to handle both change and challenge with courage, resilience and grace.” –
Coach Mike Krzyzewski, Duke University Men's Basketball

Porcelain on Steel is a book for your daughter, your sister, your best friend, and yourself. America's youth as well as parents in search of stories of inspiration, courage, loyalty, public service and leadership that set a positive direction for our young people should read this book.

Real life, real women, real leaders. The Military Writers Society of America (MWSA) awarded *Porcelain on Steel* the 2010 Gold Medal for non-fiction/military.



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