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When it comes to sheer savagery endured by the American fighting man, few combat theaters could match the Pacific in World War II: the sodden malarial and Japanese infested jungles of New Guinea and Guadalcanal, the kamikaze pilots for whom death was no deterrent, and the blood-soaked beaches taken by island-hopping Marines. Here, in their own words, are the compelling stories of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, as told to decorated combat veteran Lt. Colonel Oliver North.

In *War Stories II: Heroism in the Pacific*, North reveals:

Eyewitness testimony from Pearl Harbor veterans that Japanese Zeros did not fire the first shots: our defending forces did—with startling results

The living hell of the Bataan Death March and the daring rescue of the Ghosts of Bataan

The big battles: the Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, the Marianas, Leyte

How Americans cracked the secret Japanese JN-25 code and changed the course of the war

War Stories II: Heroism in the Pacific is the essential book for every veteran of the war, every student of military history, and every American who is inspired by the courage and sacrifice of the Greatest Generation in one of its greatest moments.

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Carolyn says

Very readable explanations of what happened in the Pacific theater and in-their-own-words, personal stories by various participants. I will never go shopping on Memorial Day again.

Nathan Shepherd says

Excellent account of World War II in the Pacific. Written - for the most part - chronologically and by battle. Includes plenty of first-person accounts. An absolutely incredible reading experience that takes you through the ups and downs of what it would have been like to be a Marine in the 1940s.

Jessica says

If you are a ww2 history addict like I am then this is the book for you! I listened to it on audio cd while cleaning the house or what not, but I found myself stopping what I was doing to listen to what was going on. There is so much detail, and the first hand accounts make you feel like you are right there next to the marines.

This truly is the greatest generation. Those who fought in ww2. They made the world a safer place for us. They often knew they wouldn't make it but they went and fought anyway.

I believe if you want to remember what America is all about then pick up a history book about those great men. And you, too, will come to believe in the American dream. The dream that all men are created equal and have the right to pursue what makes them happy.

booklady says

Yesterday at work I met a WWII, Korean and Vietnam War Vet. He flew in all three conflicts and recommended this series to me. I'm passing on the recommendation to all my fellow former military friends. These look incredible!

Marc says

If you're looking for a book with a decent telling of the war in the Pacific during World War II, this one should work for you. There are several first-hand accounts of combat and such, which are woven into a narrative history of the war. Some chapters have more personal accounts than others, and some of the accounts don't add very much in my opinion.

My problem with this book is what appears to be very poor proof-reading on the part of the either the

publisher or the author(s). For instance, on two maps the islands of Sumatra and Java are incorrectly identified. Several ships are identified incorrectly, and one, the USS Saratoga, is mistakenly identified as being sunk (it survived the war and was sunk during the atomic bomb tests in 1946). Maybe I'm just nit-picking, but these kinds of errors really annoy me and detract from the reading experience.

Ronald Kral says

Excellent book. Discusses in just the right detail the events leading up to and after the major battles and strategy in the Pacific from the Allied point of view. Intermixed are personal accounts written by men who were actually there. Learned many interesting not-well-known facts. Did you know more people died in the bombing of Toyko than in both nuclear bomb attacks? Did you know that Russia almost joined Japan in the war at the end? Or that even in the face of the nuclear attacks, there was a large faction of the Japanese military that wanted to fight on to the last man? Technically accurate and the vignettes of the people who were there graphically exposes the horror of war. I got this as a book on CD from my local library. Have now obtained and am going to (listen to) War Stories III - The War in Europe.

Jessica says

Veterans tell their stories about the war in the Pacific. I like war history, thought it was a pretty good book.

Tyler Hochstetler says

This book on the war in the Pacific feels very personal; lots of individual testimonies gives it a unique outlook. Certainly worth reading.

Hugh Henry says

At several hundred pages, this is an excellent concise history of the Pacific Theatre of World War II. At each stage of each major battle, a veteran tells the story of what he experienced, including a number of survivors from the Bataan Death March. Veterans tell us of the Battle of Pearl Harbor, the Coral Sea, Guadalcanal and the island-hopping campaign from the Gilbert Islands to the Marianas to Iwo Jima and Okinawa. For the casual reader, or the historian who has no specialized in the Pacific War, this is a very engaging and fast-moving history of a difficult kind of war.

K says

What you didn't learn about the war with Japan. They are called the greatest generation for a reason.

Trudi says

A very personal account of ordinary people who are extraordinary heroic in times of war. North blends historic fact with personal account that makes history a joy to read.
