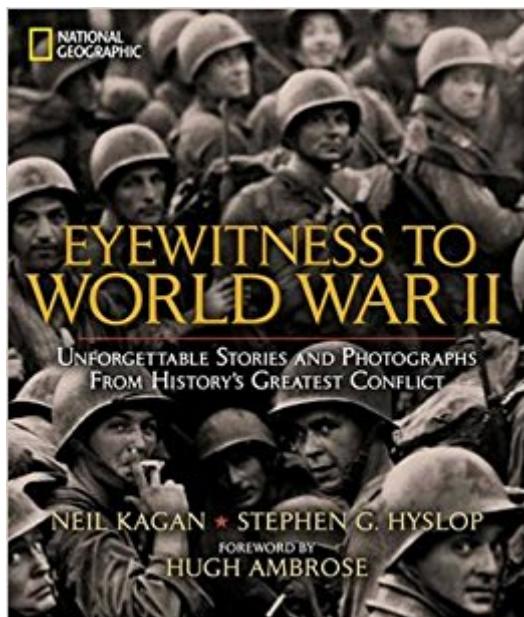


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Eyewitness To World War II: Unforgettable Stories And Photographs From History's Greatest Conflict



Synopsis

Eyewitness to World War II brings you closer than ever before to the greatest challenge a generation of Americans had ever faced. The unforgettable story of World War II is told through the words of those who lived it--both on the battlefield and the home front--creating a dramatic tapestry of the wartime experience. Personal writings and recollections of Roosevelt, Hitler, and Patton, as well as letters composed by soldiers at battle and diaries of women serving in the military at home, present an absorbing narrative that tells the entire history of the war from several perspectives. Hundreds of images capture fateful moments of triumph and defeat that defined the era, including rare photographs and artifacts, many never-before-seen from private collections that are placed in context with more famous photographs from the period. More than 20 authoritative National Geographic maps detail military movements and decisive battles in the European and Pacific theaters of war. These incredible, first-person stories, amazing moments of heroism, compelling imagery, and illuminating maps bring the entire history of World War II to life in vivid detail.

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As time passes and fewer members of the Greatest Generation are around to tell their stories,

first-person accounts of the events surrounding WWII have become increasingly popular. In this third volume of the Eyewitness series, following installments on the Civil War and WWI, an exhaustive look at the Second World War is presented in the form of letters, memoirs, diaries, and official reports. Various perspectives are offered, from low-ranking soldiers to top generals, from Allied to Axis, from civilians on the home front to those caught in the war's path. The book opens with "A World Gone Mad," a detailed look at the causes of the war that places the reader back in time with large period photographs accompanied by brief explanations of world events that contributed to the outbreak of the conflict. This section begins with a haunting photograph of Adolph Hitler looking into the camera amid swastika banners as he ascends to a podium to speak to a crowd of tens of thousands. The rest of the work is divided into six chapters, beginning with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, continuing through the fighting in the European and Pacific theaters, and ultimately ending with victory. Chapters include a section called "Through the Lens," essentially a photographic essay on topics like the air war, naval warfare, and the Holocaust. There are numerous rare and powerful photographs throughout the volume, such as the one of a woman forced to give the Nazi salute with one arm while crying into her handkerchief with the other. Even the illustrations can be stunning, such as the painting of a Nazi soldier planting skulls in the earth. The visual power of these period photographs is striking and perhaps is the greatest strength of this resource. Recommended for most libraries, where it may do well as a circulating resource. --Michael Tosko

Nice book! I bought this as a gift for a middle school student who is interested in military history. The book is a beautiful combination of excellent photographs accompanied by short but meaningful text. I almost kept the book for myself.

My son loves the book. I plan on reading it once he finishes.

What a great World War II book! Nicely written into chapters with wonderful pictures! Extremely informative. I bought this book for my 13 year-old son for Christmas and when it arrived I was so impressed with it that I kept it out and read it. It's a must have for anyone interested in World War II!

good experience

I expected more, received less.

I bought this book for my 14 year old grandson, who is totally into the history surrounding WWII. He absolutely loved the book. The narratives are accompanied by wonderful color artwork. Both my husband and son are also history buffs, so it's a contest to see who gets to the book first.

My Dad landed on Normandie in the 5th Wave on 6/6/1944. I've read most books on D-Day and if you're just starting to get interested in your own Dad's or Uncles history, this is a compendium of most of the pictures that appear in other books across the Atlantic and Pacific.. It gives depth and breadth to WWII.

If a book on war can be a coffee table book, this one is. In a good way, of course. The pictures are fantastic; it's a very visual book, but in this case, I'd consider it a big bonus.

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