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The Battle of Midway Craig L. Symonds 2013-10-03 "First issued as an Oxford University Press paperback, 2013"--Title page verso.

Tower of Skulls: A History of the Asia-Pacific War: July 1937-March 1942 Richard B. Frank 2020-03-03 "A sweeping epic.... Promises to do for the war in the Pacific what Rick Atkinson did for Europe." —James M. Scott, author of *Rampage* In 1937, the swath of the globe east from India to the Pacific Ocean encompassed half the world's population. Japan's onslaught into China unleashed a tidal wave of events that fundamentally transformed this region and killed about twenty-five million people. This extraordinary World War II narrative vividly portrays the battle across this entire region and links those struggles on many levels with their profound twenty-first-century legacies. In this first volume of a trilogy, award-winning historian Richard B. Frank on rich archival research and recently discovered documentary evidence to tell an epic story that gave birth to the world we live in now.

Implacable Foes Waldo Heinrichs 2017-05-01 On May 8, 1945, Victory in Europe Day—shortened to "V.E. Day"—brought with it the demise of Nazi Germany. But for the Allies, the war was on half-won. Exhausted but exuberant American soldiers, ready to return home, were sent to join the fighting in the Pacific, which by the spring and summer of 1945 had turned into a grueling campaign of bloody attrition against an enemy determined to fight to the last man. Germany had surrendered unconditionally. The Japanese would clearly make the conditions of victory extraordinarily high. In the United States, Americans clamored for their troops to come home and for a return to a peacetime economy. Politics intruded upon military policy while a new, untested president struggled to strategize among a military command that was often mired in rivalry. The task of defeating the Japanese seemed nearly unsurmountable, even while plans the home islands were being drawn. Army Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall warned of the toll that "the agony of enduring battle" would likely take. General Douglas MacArthur clashed with Marshall and Admiral Nimitz over the most effective way to defeat the increasingly resilient Japanese combatants. In the midst of this division, the Army began a program of partial demobilization of troops in Europe, which depleted units at a time when they most needed experienced soldiers. In this context of military emergency, the fearsome projections of the humbling the Japanese homeland, and weakening social and political will, victory was salvaged by means of a horrific new weapon. As one Army staff officer admitted, "The capitulation of Germany saved our necks." In *Implacable Foes*, award-winning historians Waldo Heinrichs (a veteran of both theatres of war in World War II) and Marc Gallicchio bring to life the final year of World War II. Two in the Pacific right up to the dropping of the atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, evoking not only Japanese policies of desperate defense, but the sometimes rancorous debate on the home front. They deliver a gripping and provocative narrative that challenges the decision-making of U.S. leaders and delineates the consequences of prioritizing the European front. The result is a masterly work of military history that evaluates the nearly unsurmountable trials associated with waging global war and the sacrifices necessary to succeed.

Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy John W. Toll 2008-03-17 Describes the origins and early history of the American Navy, discussing the debates by the founding fathers over the need for a permanent military, the decision to construct six heavy frigates, the campaign against Tripoli, and the war of 1812, including the confrontation between the USS *Constitution* and HMS *Guerriere* that raised the U.S. to a global power. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

The Conquering Tide: War in the Pacific Islands, 1942-1944 John W. Toll 2015-09-21 A New York Times Bestseller "A beautiful blend of history and prose and proves again Mr. Toll's mastery of the naval-war narrative." —Wall Street Journal This masterful history encompasses the heart of the Pacific War—the period between mid-1942 and mid-1944—when parallel Allied counteroffensives north and south of the equator washed over Japan's far-flung island empire like a "conquering tide," concluding with Japan's irreversible strategic defeat in the Marianas, the largest, bloodiest, most costly, most technically innovative and logistically complicated amphibious war in history, and it fostered bitter interservice rivalries, leaving wounds that even could not heal. Often overlooked, these are the years and fights that decided the Pacific War. Ian W. Toll's battle scenes—in the air, at sea, and in the jungles—are simply riveting. He also reads into the wartime councils in Washington and Tokyo where politics and strategy often collided, and into the struggle to mobilize wartime production, which was the secret of Allied victory. Brilliantly researched, the narrative is propelled and colored by firsthand accounts—letters, diaries, debriefings, and memoirs—that are the raw material of the telling details, shrewd judgment, and penetrating insight of this magisterial history. This volume—continuing the "marvelously readable dramatic narrative" (San Francisco Chronicle) of *Pacific Crucible*—marks the second installment of the Pacific War Trilogy, which will stand as the first history of the entire Pacific War to be published in at least twenty-five years.

Captain McCrea's War John L. McCrea 2016-11-15 A fascinating memoir of World War II by one of FDR's inner circle—a man who experienced the war from both the White House and the bridge of a warship. Captain McCrea's war chronicles Vice Adm. John L. McCrea's experiences in WWII—working with President Franklin D. Roosevelt on difficult and unusual assignments, associated with royalty and world-famous political and military leaders, and commanding the USS *Iowa* and a task force in the Pacific. McCrea served as a naval aide and set up the White House Map Room (now known as the Situation Room) and Shangri-La (now called Camp David). He supplied material for the president's fireside chats, helped arrange the Casablanca Conference, and worked with such prominent leaders as Winston S. Churchill and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Despite his important work for the president, McCrea yearned for sea duty, and was given command of the country's newest and largest battleship, the USS *Iowa*. "Stands fair to supersede all others as the most touchingly human portrait of Franklin Roosevelt in World War II. . . . For both general readers interested in WWII and historians of the presidency this book is a priceless gem." —Nigel Hamilton, author of the FDR at War trilogy "Essential reading for anyone interested in the strategic direction of World War II." —Bill Yenne, author of *Panic on the Pacific* "McCrea offers an unusual insight into the everyday routines of war even at its highest levels." —Dennis Stenberg, author of *Armor and Blood*

Now the Hell Will Start Brendan I. Koerner 2008-05-29 An epic saga of hubris, cruelty, and redemption, *Now the Hell Will Start* tells the remarkable tale of the greatest manhunt of World War II. Herman Perry, besieged by the hardships of the Indo-Burmese jungle and the racism meted out by his white commanding officers, found solace in opium and marijuana. But on one fateful day, Perry shot his unarmed white lieutenant in the throes of an emotional collapse and fled into the jungle. Brendan I. Koerner spent nearly five years chasing Perry's ghost to the most remote corners of India and Burma. Along the way, he uncovered the forgotten story of the Ledo Road's GIs, for whom Jim Crow was as powerful an enemy as the Japanese—and for whom Herman Perry, the jungle king, became an unlikely folk hero.

Hirohito's War Francis Pike 2016-09-08 Named one of Foreign Affairs' Best Books of 2016 In his magisterial 1,208 page narrative of the Pacific War, Francis Pike's *Hirohito's War* offers an original interpretation, balancing the existing Western-centric view with attention to the Japanese perspective on the conflict. As well as giving a "blow-by-blow" account of campaigns and operations, Francis Pike offers many challenges to the standard interpretations with regards to the causes of the war; Emperor Hirohito's war guilt; the inevitability of US victory; the abilities of General Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Yamamoto; the role of China, Great Britain and Australia; military and naval technology; and the need for the fire-bombing of Japan and the eventual use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. *Hirohito's War* is accompanied by additional online resources, including more details on logistics, economics, POWs, submarines and kamikaze, as well as a detailed 1930-1945 timeline and over 200 maps.

Shattered Sword Jonathan Parshall 2011 Many consider the Battle of Midway to have turned the tide of the Pacific War. It is without question one of the most famous battles in history. Most histories of the first time since Gordon W. Prange's bestselling "Miracle at Midway," Jonathan Parshall and Anthony Tully offer a new interpretation of this great naval engagement. Unlike previous accounts, "Shattered Sword" makes extensive use of Japanese primary sources. It also corrects the many errors of Mitsuo Fuchida's "Midway: The Battle That Doomed Japan," an uncritical reliance on a source which has tainted every previous Western account. It thus forces a major, potentially controversial reevaluation of the great battle. The authors examine the battle in detail and effortlessly place it within the context of the Imperial Navy's doctrine and technology. With a foreword by leading WWII naval historian John Lundstrom, "Shattered Sword" will become an indispensable part of any military buff's library. Winner of the 2005 John Lyman Book Award for the "Best Book in U.S. Naval History" and cited by "Proceedings" as one of its "Notable Naval Books" for 2005.

Myanmar's Rohingya Genocide Jonathan Lee 2021-01-28 The genocide in Myanmar has drawn global attention as Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi appears to be presiding over human rights violations, forced migrations and extra-judicial killings on an enormous scale. This unique study draws on thousands of hours of interviews and testimony from the Rohingya themselves to assess and outline the full scale of the disaster. Casting new light on Rohingya identity, history and culture, this will be an essential contribution to the study of the Rohingya people and one of the early stages of genocide. This book adds convincingly to the body of evidence that the government of Myanmar has enabled a genocide in Rakhine State and the surrounding areas.

The Battle For Leyte Gulf [Illustrated Edition] Vann Woodward 2014-08-15 Includes 6 charts and 20 photos Pulitzer prize winning author C. Vann Woodward recounts the story of the largest naval battle of all time. "The Battle for Leyte Gulf was the greatest naval battle of the Second World War and the largest engagement ever fought on the high seas. It was composed of five yet closely interrelated actions, each of which involved forces comparable in size with those engaged in any previous battle of the Pacific War. The four battles, two of them fought simultaneously, were joined in three different bodies of water separated by as much as 500 miles. Yet all four were fought between dawn of one day and dusk of the next, and all were waged in the repetition of a single, huge Japanese operation. "They were guided by a master plan drawn up in Tokyo two months before our landing and known by the code name Sho Plan. It was a bold and complicated operation calling for reckless sacrifice and the use of cleverly conceived diversion. As an afterthought the suicidal Kamikaze campaign was inaugurated in connection with the plan. Altogether the operation was the most desperate attempted by any naval power during the war—and there were moments, several of them in fact, when it seemed to be approaching dangerously near to success. The majority of Pacific naval battles that preceded it, the Battle of Leyte Gulf was not limited to an exchange of air strikes between widely separated carrier forces, although it involved action of that kind. It also included surface and subsurface action between virtually all types of fighting craft from motor torpedo boats to battleships, at ranges varying from point-blank to fifteen miles. The Japanese weapons ranging from machine guns to great rifles of 18-inch bore, fired "in anger" by the Japanese for the first time in this battle."

Twilight of the Gods Ian W. Toll 2021-07-06 New York Times Bestseller The final volume of the magisterial Pacific War Trilogy from acclaimed historian Ian W. Toll, "one of the great storytellers of war" (Evan Thomas).

Twilight of the Gods: War in the Western Pacific, 1944-1945 (Vol. 3) (The Pacific War Trilogy) Ian W. Toll 2020-09-01 New York Times Bestseller The final volume of the magisterial Pacific War Trilogy from acclaimed historian Ian W. Toll, "one of the great storytellers of war" (Evan Thomas). In June 1944, the United States launched a crushing assault on the Japanese navy in the Philippine Sea. The capture of the Mariana Islands and the accompanying ruin of Japanese carrier airpower marked a pivotal moment in the Pacific War. No tactical masterstroke or could reverse the increasingly lopsided balance of power between the two combatants. The War in the Pacific had entered its endgame. Beginning with the Honolulu Conference, when President Franklin Delano Roosevelt met with his Pacific theater commanders to plan the last phase of the campaign against Japan, *Twilight of the Gods* brings to life the harrowing last year of World War II in the Pacific, when the U.S. Navy won the largest naval battle in history; Douglas MacArthur made good his pledge to return to the Philippines; waves of kamikazes attacked the Allied fleet; and Japanese fought to the last man on one island after another; B-29 bombers burned down Japanese cities; and Hiroshima and Nagasaki were vaporized in atomic blasts. Ian W. Toll's narrative

combat in the air, at sea, and on the beaches are as gripping as ever, but he also reconstructs the Japanese and American home fronts and takes the reader into the halls of power in Washington, Tokyo, where the great questions of strategy and diplomacy were decided. Drawing from a wealth of rich archival sources and new material, *Twilight of the Gods* casts a penetrating light on the battles, grand strategic decisions and naval logistics that enabled the Allied victory in the Pacific. An authoritative and riveting account of the final phase of the War in the Pacific, *Twilight of the Gods* brings Toll's masterful trilogy to a thrilling conclusion. This prize-winning and best-selling trilogy will stand as the first complete history of the Pacific War in more than twenty-five years and the first multivolume history of the Pacific naval war since Samuel Eliot Morison's series was published in the 1950s.

Pacific Crucible: War at Sea in the Pacific, 1941-1942 Ian W. Toll 2012 Draws on eyewitness accounts and primary sources to describe the first months of World War II in the Pacific, after the U.S. Navy suffered the worst defeat in its history at Pearl Harbor.

Islands of Destiny John Prados 2012-10-02 The Battle of Midway is traditionally held as the point when Allied forces gained advantage over the Japanese. In *Islands of Destiny*, acclaimed historian and military intelligence expert John Prados points out that the Japanese forces quickly regained strength after Midway and continued their assault undaunted. Taking this surprising fact as the start of his inquiry, he began to investigate how and when the Pacific tide turned in the Allies' favor. Using archives of WWII intelligence reports from both sides, Prados offers up a complete reassessment of the true turning in the Pacific: not Midway, but the fight for the Solomon Islands. Combat in the Solomons saw a series of surface naval battles, including one of the key versus-battleship actions of the war; two major carrier actions; daily air duels, including the aerial ambush in which perished the famous Japanese naval commander Admiral Yamamoto Isoroku and many other hair-raising exploits. Commencing with the Allied invasion of Guadalcanal, Prados shows how and why the Allies beat Japan on the sea, in the air, and in the jungles.

Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita, and the Battle of Manila M. Scott 2018-10-30 "Illuminating... An eloquent testament to a doomed city and its people." —*The Wall Street Journal* In early 1945, General Douglas MacArthur prepared to reclaim Manila, America's Pearl of the Orient, which had been seized by the Japanese in 1942. Convinced the Japanese would abandon the city, he planned a victory parade down Dewey Boulevard—but the enemy had other plans. The Japanese were determined to fight to the death. The battle to liberate Manila resulted in the catastrophic destruction of the city and a rampage by Japanese forces that brutalized the civilian population, resulting in a massacre as horrific as the Rape of Nanking. Drawing from war-crimes testimony, after-action reports, and survivor interviews, Rampage recounts one of the most heartbreaking chapters of Pacific War history.

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The Kamikaze Hunters Will Iredeale 2015-05-07 *The Sunday Times* Top Ten Bestseller. In May 1945, with victory in Europe established, the war was all but over. But on the other side of the Pacific, the Allies were still engaged in a bitter struggle to control the Pacific. And it was then that the Japanese unleashed a terrible new form of warfare: the suicide pilots, or Kamikaze. Drawing on meticulous research and unique personal access to the remaining survivors, Will Iredeale follows a group of young men from the moment they joined up through their initial training to the reality of fighting against pilots who, in the cruel last summer of the war, chose death rather than risk their country's dishonourable defeat and deliberately flew their planes into Allied aircraft carriers. A story of courage, valour and dogged determination, *The Kamikaze Hunters* is a gripping account of how a few brave young men helped to ensure lasting peace.

War in the Pacific Harry Gailey 2011-08-03 Historian Harry Gailey offers a fresh one-volume treatment of the vast Pacific theater in World War II, examining in detail the performance of Japanese and Allied naval, air, and land forces in every major military operation. The War in the Pacific begins with an examination of events leading up to World War II and compares the Japanese and American economies and societies, as well as the chief combatants' military doctrine, training, war plans, and equipment. The book then chronicles all significant actions--from the early Allied defeats in the Philippines, the East Indies, and New Guinea; through the gradual improvement of the Allied position in the Central and Southwest Pacific regions; to the final agony of the Japanese people, whose leaders refused to admit defeat until the very end. Gailey gives detailed treatment to much that has been neglected or given only cursory mention in previous histories. The reader thus gains an unparalleled overview of operations, as well as many fresh insights into the behind-the-scenes bickering between the Allies and the interservice squabbles that dogged MacArthur and Nimitz throughout the war. NOTE: This edition does not include a photo insert.

Martin van Buren and the American Political System Donald B. Cole 2014-07-14 Donald Cole analyzes the political skills that brought Van Buren the nickname "Little Magician," describing how he built the Albany Regency (which became a model for political party machines) and how he created the Democratic party of Andrew Jackson. Originally published in 1984, *The Princeton Legacy Library* uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich academic heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905.

Neptune's Inferno James D. Hornfischer 2011-01-25 "A literary tour de force that is destined to become one of the . . . definitive works about the battle for Guadalcanal . . . [James D.] Hornfischer deftly captures the essence of the most pivotal naval campaign of the Pacific war."—*San Antonio Express-News* The Battle of Guadalcanal has long been heralded as a Marine victory. Now a powerful portrait of the Navy's sacrifice, James D. Hornfischer tells for the first time the full story of the men who fought in destroyers, cruisers, and battleships in the narrow, deadly waters of the "Ironbottom Sound." Here, in stunning cinematic detail, are the seven major naval actions that began in August 1942, a time when the war seemed unwinnable and America fought on a shoestring with the outcome always in doubt. Working from new interviews with survivors, unpublished eyewitness accounts, and newly available documents, Hornfischer paints a vivid picture of the war and enlisted men who opposed the Japanese in America's hour of need. The first major work on this subject in almost two decades, *Neptune's Inferno* does what all great battle narratives do: tells the gripping human stories behind the momentous events and critical decisions that altered the course of history and shaped so many lives. Praise for *Neptune's Inferno*: "Vivid and engaging . . . extremely readable, comprehensive and thoroughly researched."—Ronald Spector, *The Wall Street Journal* "Superlative storytelling . . . the masterwork on the long-neglected topic of World War II's surface ship combat."—Richard B. Frank, *World War II* "The author's two previous World War II books . . . thrust him into the major leagues of American military history writers. *Neptune's Inferno* is solid proof he deserves to be there."—*The Dallas Morning News* "Outstanding . . . The author's narrative gifts and excellent choice of detail give an almost Homeric quality to the book. . . . met on the sea in steel titans."—*Booklist* (starred review) "Brilliant . . . a compelling narrative of naval combat . . . simply superb."—*The Washington Times*

Twilight of the Gods Ian W. Toll 2020 The final volume of the magisterial Pacific War Trilogy from acclaimed historian Ian W. Toll, "one of the great storytellers of War" (Evan Thomas). **Uncertain Partners** Serge Nikolaevich Goncharov 1993 Using major new sources, including cables between Mao and Stalin and interviews with key actors, this book tells the inside story of the Soviet alliance and the origins of the Korean War.

Leyte M. Hamlin Cannon 2016-03-21 The landing of the American forces on Leyte on 20 October 1944 brought to fruition the long-cherished desire of General Douglas MacArthur to return to the Philippine Islands and avenge the humiliating reverses suffered in the early days of World War II. The successful conclusion of the campaign separated the Japanese-held Philippine Archipelago into two parts, with a strong American force between them. More important, it completed the severance of the Japanese mainland from the stolen southern empire in the Netherlands Indies, from which oil, the lifeblood of modern warfare, had come. The Leyte Campaign, like other campaigns in the Pacific, was waged on the land, in the air, and on and under the sea. In this operation, the branches of the American armed forces played significant roles. Therefore, although the emphasis in this volume is placed upon the deeds of the United States Army ground soldier, the aviator, the sailor, the marine and the Filipino guerrilla have been integrated as far as possible into the story in order to make the campaign understandable in its entirety. At the same time, every effort has been made to give the Japanese side of the story.

Blazing Star, Setting Sun Jeffrey Cox 2020-06-25 From popular Pacific Theatre expert Jeffrey R. Cox comes this insightful new history of the critical Guadalcanal and Solomons campaign at the height of World War II. His previous book, *Morning Star, Rising Sun*, had found the US Navy at its absolute nadir and the fate of the *Enterprise*, the last operational US aircraft carrier at the end of the war, unknown. This new volume completes the history of this crucial campaign, combining detailed research with a novelist's flair for the dramatic to reveal exactly how, despite many misfortunes, the tide of war finally turned. By the end of February 1944, thanks to hard-fought and costly American victories in the first and second naval battles of Guadalcanal, the battle for Empress Augusta Bay, and the battle of Cape St George, the Japanese would no longer hold the material or skilled manpower advantage. From this point on, although the war was still a long way from being won, the American star was unquestionably on the ascendant, slowly, but surely, edging Japanese imperialism towards its sunset. Jeffrey Cox's analysis and attention to detail on the smallest events are second to none. But what truly sets this book apart is how he combines this microscopic attention to detail, often unearthing new facts along the way, with an engaging narrative that transports the reader to the heart of the story, bringing the events on the deep blue of the Pacific vividly to life.

The Generals Winston Groom 2015-11-10 Celebrated historian Winston Groom tells the uniquely American tales of George Patton, Douglas MacArthur, and George Marshall, from World War I to World War II. These three remarkable men-of-arms who rose from the gruesome hell of the First World War to become the finest generals of their generation during World War II redefined America's ideas of military leadership and brought forth a new generation of American soldier. Their efforts revealed to the world the grit and determination that would become synonymous with America in the post-war years. Filled with novel-worthy twists and turns, and set against the backdrop of the most dramatic moments of the twentieth century, *The Generals* is a powerful and packed book filled with marvelous surprises and insights into the lives of America's most celebrated warriors.

Sea of Thunde Evan Thomas 2007-11-06 A suspenseful account of the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944 is told through the commands of four naval leaders, including two American commanders and two Japanese admirals, and offers insight into how the war reflected profound cultural differences. Reprint. 75,000 first printing.

The Conquering Tide Ian W. Toll 2015-09-21 The devastation of Pearl Harbor and the American victory at Midway were prelude to a greater challenge: rolling back the vast Japanese Pacific empire, island by island.

The Pacific War John Costello 1982-12-01 John Costello's *The Pacific War* has now established itself as the standard one-volume account of World War II in the Pacific. Never before have so many separate stories of fighting in China, Malaya, Burma, the East Indies, the Philippines, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and the Aleutians been so brilliantly woven together to provide a clear account of one of the most massive movements of men and arms in history. The complex social, political, and economic causes that underlay the war are here carefully analyzed, impelling the reader to see it as the inevitable conclusion to a series of historical events. And the bloody fighting that indelibly recorded names like Midway and Iwo Jima in the annals of human conflict is described in detail, through its ominous conclusion in the mushroom clouds of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The Fleet at Flood Tide James D. Hornfischer 2016-10-25 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The extraordinary story of the World War II air, land, and sea campaign that brought the U.S. Navy to the apex of its strength and marked the rise of the United States as a global superpower. Winner, Commodore John Barry Book Award, Navy League of the United States • Winner, LeMay Distinguished Naval Historian Award, Naval Order of the United States With its thunderous assault on the Mariana Islands in June 1944, the United States crossed the threshold of World War II. In this tour de force of dramatic storytelling, distilled from extensive research in newly discovered primary sources, James D. Hornfischer brings to life the campaign that was the fulcrum of the drive to compel Tokyo to surrender—and that forever changed the art of modern war. With a close focus on high commanders, front-line combatants, and ordinary people, American and Japanese alike, Hornfischer tells the story of the climactic end of the Pacific War as has never been done before. Here are the epic seaborne invasions of Saipan, Tinian, and Guam, the stu-

aerial battles of the Great Marianas Turkey Shoot, the first large-scale use of Navy underwater demolition teams, the largest banzai attack of the war, and the daring combat operations I small that made possible the strategic bombing offensive culminating in the atomic strikes on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. From the seas of the Central Pacific to the shores of Japan itself, T Flood Tide is a stirring, authoritative, and cinematic portrayal of World War II's world-changing finale. Illustrated with original maps and more than 120 dramatic photographs "Quite simply popular and scholarly military history at its best."—Victor Davis Hanson, author of *Carnage and Culture* "The dean of World War II naval history . . . In his capable hands, the story races along like an intense thriller. . . . Narrative nonfiction at its finest—a book simply not to be missed."—James M. Scott, *Charleston Post and Courier* "An impressively lucid account . . . admirable, fascinating."—*The Wall Street Journal* "An extraordinary memorial to the courageous—and a cautionary note to a world that remains unstable and turbulent today."—Admiral James Stavridis, former Supreme Allied Commander, NATO, author of *Sea Power* "A masterful, fresh account . . . ably expands on the prior offerings of such classic naval historians as Samuel Eliot Morison." *Dallas Morning News*

One Square Mile of Hell John Wukovits 2007-08-07 The riveting true account of the Battle of Tarawa, an epic World War II clash in which the U.S. Marines fought the Japanese nearly to the man. In November 1943, the men of the 2d Marine Division were instructed to clear out Japanese resistance on the Pacific island of Betio, a speck at the end of the Tarawa Atoll. When they landed, the Japanese poured out of their underground bunkers—and launched one of the most brutal and bloody battles of World War II. For three straight days, attackers and defenders fought over every square inch of sand in a battle with no defined frontlines, and where there was no possibility of retreat—because there was nowhere to retreat to. It was a struggle that wounded sides stunned and exhausted, and prove both the fighting mettle of the Americans and the fanatical devotion of the Japanese. Drawn from new sources, including participants' letters and and exclusive firsthand interviews with survivors, *One Square Mile of Hell* is the true story of a battle between two determined foes, neither of whom would ever look at the other in the again.

The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors James D. Hornfischer 2008-11-12 "This will be a fight against overwhelming odds from which survival cannot be expected. We will do what damage we can. With these words, Lieutenant Commander Robert W. Copeland addressed the crew of the destroyer escort USS Samuel B. Roberts on the morning of October 25, 1944, off the Philippine Samar. On the horizon loomed the mightiest ships of the Japanese navy, a massive fleet that represented the last hope of a staggering empire. All that stood between it and Douglas MacArthur's vulnerable invasion force were the Roberts and the other small ships of a tiny American flotilla poised to charge into history. In the tradition of the #1 New York Times bestseller *Flags of Our Fathers*, James D. Hornfischer paints an unprecedented portrait of the Battle of Samar, a naval engagement unlike any other in U.S. history—and captures with unforgettable intensity the strategies, and the sacrifices that turned certain defeat into a legendary victory. BONUS: This edition includes an excerpt from James D. Hornfischer's *Neptune's Inferno*. Praise for *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors* "One of the finest WWII naval action narratives in recent years, this book follows in the footsteps of *Flags of Our Fathers*. . . . Exalting American sailors and pilots as they richly deserve. . . . Reads like a very good action novel."—*Publishers Weekly* "Reads as fresh as tomorrow's headlines. . . . Hornfischer's captivating narrative uses previously classified documents to reconstruct the epic battle and eyewitness accounts to bring the officers and sailors to life."—*Texas Monthly* "Hornfischer is a powerful stylist whose explanations are clear as well as well as a dire survival-at-sea saga."—*Denver Post* "In *The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors*, James Hornfischer drops you right into the middle of this raging battle, with 5-inch guns blazing, torpedoes detonating and Navy fliers dive-bombing. . . . The overall story of the battle is one of American guts, glory and heroic sacrifice."—*Omaha World Herald*

BLANKETS OF FIRE PB WERRELL KENNETH P 1998-01-17 When the focus of World War II shifted to the Pacific in 1944, the Army Air Forces (AAF), equipped with the new, longer-range B-29 bomber, tried to shift strategic bombing tactics as well. *Blankets of Fire* describes the adjustments necessary to target Japan and places them in the context of overall AAF and war strategy. 58 photos.

Bismarck Michael Tamelander 2009-05-26 The author of *Blitzkrieg* covers one of the most dramatic events of the Second World War in an "outstanding book about naval warfare" (*World War II History*). When the German battleship *Bismarck*—a masterpiece of engineering, well-armored with a main artillery of eight 15-inch guns—left the port of Gotenhafen for her first operation on the night of May 18, 1941, the British battlecruiser *Hood* and the new battleship *Prince of Wales* were ordered to find her quickly, as several large convoys were heading for Britain. On May 24, the *Bismarck* was found off the coast of Greenland, but the ensuing battle was disastrous for the British. The *Hood* was totally destroyed within minutes, with only three crewmen surviving, and the *Prince of Wales* was badly damaged. The chase resumed until the German behemoth was finally caught, this time by four British capital ships supported by torpedo-bombers from the carrier *Ark Royal*. The icy North Atlantic roiled from the crash of shellfire and bursting explosions until finally the *Bismarck* collapsed, sending nearly two thousand German sailors to a watery grave. Tamelander and Zetterling's work rests on stories from survivors and the latest historical discoveries. The book starts with a thorough account of maritime developments from 1871 up to the era of the battleship, and ends with a vivid account, hour by hour, of the dramatic and fateful hunt for the mighty *Bismarck*, Nazi Germany's last hope to pose a powerful surface threat to Allied commerce. "Exciting story-telling . . . recreat[es] the thrill of the hunt."—*International Journal of Maritime History* "[An] epic sea chase and its vivid, human details."—*World War II History*

The Bomber Boys Travis L. Ayres 2009-10-06 True tales of heroism and the men who fought and died in the skies of World War II Europe. In World War II, there were all too many ways for a bomber pilot to die. But no theater of operations offered more fatal choices than the skies above Nazi-occupied Europe. Inside of a B-17 Bomber, thousands of feet above the earth, death was a moment away. From the hellish storms of enemy flak and relentless strafing of Luftwaffe fighters, to mid-air collisions, mechanical failure, and simple bad luck, it's a wonder any man would volunteer for such dangerous duty. But some very brave men did. Some paid the ultimate price. Some made it home. But in the end, all would achieve victory. Here, author Travis L. Ayres has gathered a collection of previously untold personal accounts of combat and camaraderie aboard the B-17 Bombers that flew countless sorties against the enemy, as related by the men who fought in the air—and survived. They are stories of heroism, sacrifice, miraculous survival and merciless warfare. But they should all be remembered... INCLUDES PHOTOS

Morning Star, Midnight Sun Jeffrey Cox 2018-02-22 Following the disastrous Java Sea campaign, the Allies went on the offensive in the Pacific in a desperate attempt to halt the Japanese advance that were rampaging across the region. With the conquest of Australia a very real possibility, the stakes were high. Their target: the Japanese-held Solomon Islands, in particular the south of Guadalcanal. Hamstrung by arcane pre-war thinking and a bureaucratic mind-set, the US Navy had to adapt on the fly in order to compete with the mighty Imperial Japanese Navy, whose ingenuity and creativity thus far had fostered the creation of its Pacific empire. Starting with the amphibious assault on Savo Island, the campaign turned into an attritional struggle where evenly matched foes sought to grind out a victory. Following on from his hugely successful book *Rising Sun, Falling Skies*, Jeffrey R. Cox tells the gripping story of the first Allied offensive in the Pacific War, as they sought to prevent Japan from cutting off Australia and regaining dominance in the Pacific.

Pacific Crucible W. Toll 2012-11-20 Draws on eyewitness accounts and primary sources to describe the first months of World War II in the Pacific, after the U.S. Navy suffered the worst defeat in its history at Pearl Harbor.

Island Infernos John C. McManus 2021-11-09 From the author of *Fire and Fortitude*, the continuation of the US Army's epic crusade in the Pacific War, from the battle of Saipan to the conquest of Japan John C. McManus's award-winning *Fire and Fortitude* enthralled readers with an unforgettable and authoritative account of the US Army's evolution during the Pacific War, from the devastation of Pearl Harbor to the bloody battle for Makin Island in 1943. Now, in this second and final volume, he follows the Army as they land on Saipan, Guam, and Okinawa, climaxing the American return to the Philippines, one of the largest, most complex operations in American history and one that would eventually account for one-third of all American casualties in the Asia theater. Brilliantly researched and written, the narrative moves seamlessly from the highest generals to the lowest foot soldiers and in between, capturing the true essence of this historic conflict. It is a masterful history by one of our finest historians of World War II.

Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II John W. Dower 2000-06-17 Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the 1999 National Book Award for Nonfiction, finalist for the Lionel Gelber Prize and the Kiriama Pacific Rim Book Prize, *Embracing Defeat* is John W. Dower's brilliant examination of Japan in the immediate, shattering aftermath of World War II. Drawing on a vast range of Japanese sources and illustrated with dozens of astonishing documentary photographs, *Embracing Defeat* is the fullest and most important history of the more than six years of American occupation, which affected every level of Japanese society, often in ways neither side could anticipate. Dower, whom Stephen E. Ambrose has called "America's foremost historian of the Second World War in the Pacific," gives us the rich and turbulent interplay between West and East, the victor and the vanquished, in a way never before attempted, from top-level manipulations concerning the fate of Emperor Hirohito to the hopes and fears of men and women in every walk of life. Already regarded as the benchmark in its field, *Embracing Defeat* is a work of colorful scholarship and history of the very first order. John W. Dower is the Elting E. Morison Professor of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is a winner of the National Book Circle Award for War Without Mercy.

The Turn of the Tide in the Pacific Sean M. Judge 2018 Considers the various factors that contribute to one opponent seizing the strategic initiative--the ability to shape a conflict to realize one's desired political outcome by influencing the timing, location, and nature of combat actions. Using an extended case study of the Japanese-American conflict, Sean Judge examines factors such as resources, intelligence, strategic acumen, combat effectiveness, and chance to determine how and why the initiative shifted to the advantage of the United States during the period from the Coral Sea and Midway in 1942 to the end of the Guadalcanal campaign in January 1943.