

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

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### **Significant People of World War II**

Learn about numerous roles of women during the war, including as spies, army nurses, factory workers, and pilots. Additional features to aid comprehension include a table of contents, primary-source quote sidebars, fact-filled captions, a glossary, an introduction to the author, and a listing of source notes.

### **Eyewitness to World War II**

World War II left behind a legacy of bloodshed and glory - but its military technology still ignites debate. What was the best tank of war? Does the 8mm cannon live up to its rep? Slayton tackles the subject giving clear descriptions, and rock-hard ruling, on what weapons rose to the top and why. He explains how arms of the era came about, why they work and what makes them unique. Packed with fascinating facts, great eyewitness stories and exciting photos, this is an essential volume for military and history buffs, World War II vets, hobbyists, patriots and modellers alike.

### **Eyewitness to World War II**

In the last months of the Second World War, Gerhard Boldt, a young cavalry officer, found himself seconded to Gehlen's military intelligence staff in Berlin. Summoned to daily briefing sessions with the Fuhrer and his Generals, Boldt had a unique opportunity to observe the leading members of the Nazi hierarchy."

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## **Radioman**

From spy missions to code breaking, this richly illustrated account of the covert operations of World War II takes readers behind the battle lines and deep into the undercover war effort that changed the course of history. From the authors who created *Eyewitness to World War II* and numerous other best-selling illustrated reference books, this is the shocking story behind the covert activity that shaped the outcome of one of the world's greatest conflicts—and the destiny of millions of people. National Geographic's landmark book illuminates World War II as never before by taking you inside the secret lives of spies and spy masters; secret agents and secret armies; Enigma machines and code breakers; psychological warfare and black propaganda; secret weapons and secret battle strategies. Seven heavily illustrated narrative chapters reveal the truth behind the lies and deception that shaped the secret war; eight essays showcase hundreds of rare photos and artifacts (many never before seen); more than 50 specially created sidebars tell the stories of spies and secret operations. Renowned historian and top-selling author Stephen Hyslop reveals this little-known side of the war in captivating detail, weaving in extraordinary eyewitness accounts and information only recently declassified. Rare photographs, artifacts, and illuminating graphics enrich this absorbing reference book.

## **World War II: A Student Encyclopedia [5 volumes]**

### **World War Two**

"Engaging images accompany information about British Redcoats. The combination of high-interest subject matter and light text is intended for students in grades 3 through 7"—Provided by publisher.

### **Eyewitness to the Role of Women in World War II**

This comprehensive visual encyclopedia explores World War II in fascinating detail and explains why this global event must never be forgotten. *World War II: Visual Encyclopedia* shows children the causes, battles, people, and aftermath, while cutting-edge CGI technology brings infamous events back to life. Learn about weaponry, tanks, ships, aircraft, campaigns, and military strategies. Read firsthand accounts of major campaigns and battles throughout the war. Uncover hundreds of biographies of wartime leaders and brave soldiers who served on the battlefields. Find out how technological advances influenced the final outcome. Key information is available at a glance, alongside data boxes, facts and stats, and inspiring quotations. From the fastest fighter plane to the longest battle, you'll discover everything you ever wanted to know, and much, much more. Whether you're a history buff or simply want help on a school

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project, this standout reference covers every aspect of World War II and the important part it has played in world history.

### **Eyewitness to World War II**

A firsthand history of World War II is told from the eyewitness perspectives of fighters from both sides, including reports from Erwin Rommel, Edward R. Murrow, and Primo Levi.

### **World War II on Film**

World War II, fought from 1939 to 1945, engulfed the globe in a shattering struggle over national sovereignty and individual rights. It was also the costliest battle in history in terms of human life, with millions perishing in combat, in concentration camps, and under the rubble of crushed cities. This gripping and epic battle is brought powerfully to life on every page of *Time-Life Books' World War II in 500 Photographs*. From the Nazis' early rise to power to Victory over Japan Day, this essential guide brings you to the front lines of the war that changed our world.

### **Tillie Pierce**

World War II involved alliances between political leaders and military forces from many different countries, including the United States and Canada. This fascinating book offers brief biographies of the lives and actions of political leaders Hitler, Churchill, Roosevelt, Truman, Stalin, Hirohito, and Tojo; military leaders Rommel, Goring, Donitz, Dowding, Pound, MacArthur, and Patton; as well as flying aces, code breakers, and activists.

### **World War II Map by Map**

"From 1941 to 1945 convoys of U.S. merchant ships transported cargoes to the northern Russian ports of Murmansk, Archangel, and Molotovsk. The itinerary included the U.S., Canada, Scotland, Iceland, and the USSR. The convoys faced numerous threats, often simultaneous, on their way to Russia. While in the USSR, crew members then had to contend with the many peculiarities of the Soviet environment"--Publisher's website.

### **Hitler's Last Days**

Trace the epic history of World War 2 across the globe with more than 70 detailed maps. In this stunning visual history book, custom maps tell the story of the Second World War from the rise of the Axis powers to the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Each map is rich with detail and graphics, helping you to chart the

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progress of key events of World War II on land, sea, and air, such as the Dunkirk evacuation, the attack on Pearl Harbor, the D-Day landings, and the siege of Stalingrad. Historical maps from both Allied and Axis countries also offer unique insights into the events. There are timelines to help you follow the story as it unfolds, while narrative overviews explain the social, economic, political, and technical developments at the time. Fascinating, large-scale pictures introduce topics such as the Holocaust, blitzkrieg, kamikaze warfare, and code-breaking. Written by a team of historians in consultation with Richard Overy, *World War II Map by Map* examines how the deadliest conflict in history changed the face of our world. It is perfect for students, general readers, and military history enthusiasts.

### **Atlas of World War II**

Author of *Lincoln and His Admirals* (winner of the Lincoln Prize), *The Battle of Midway* (Best Book of the Year, *Military History Quarterly*), and *Operation Neptune* (winner of the Samuel Eliot Morison Award for Naval Literature), Craig L. Symonds ranks among the country's finest naval historians. *World War II at Sea* is his crowning achievement, a narrative of the entire war and all of its belligerents, on all of the world's oceans and seas between 1939 and 1945. Here are the major engagements and their interconnections: the U-boat attack on Scapa Flow and the Battle of the Atlantic; the "miracle" evacuation from Dunkirk and the scuttling of the French Navy; the pitched battles for control of Norway fjords and Mussolini's Regia Marina; the rise of the Kido Butai and Pearl Harbor; the landings in North Africa and New Guinea, then on Normandy and Iwo Jima. Symonds offers indelible portraits of the great naval leaders - FDR and Churchill (self-proclaimed "Navy men"), Karl Donitz, Francois Darlan, Ernest King, Isoroku Yamamoto, Louis Mountbatten, and William Halsey - while acknowledging the countless seamen and officers of all nationalities whose lives were lost during the greatest naval conflicts ever fought. *World War II at Sea* is history on a truly epic scale.

### **Poland 1939**

Designed with the more visual needs of today's student in mind, this landmark encyclopedia covers the entire scope of the Second World War, from its earliest roots to its continuing impact on global politics and human society. Over 1,000 illustrations, maps, and primary source materials enhance the text and make history come alive for students and faculty alike. ABC-CLIO's *World War II: A Student Encyclopedia* captures the monumental sweep of the "Big One" with accessible scholarship, a student-friendly, image-rich design, and a variety of tools specifically crafted for the novice researcher. For teachers and curriculum specialists, it is a thoroughly contemporary and authoritative work with everything they need to enrich their syllabi and meet state and national standards. Ranging from the conflict's historic origins to VJ Day and beyond, it brings all aspects of the

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war vividly to life—its origins in the rubble of World War I, its inevitable outbreak, its succession of tumultuous battles and unforgettable personalities. Students will understand what the war meant to the leaders, the soldiers, and everyday families on home fronts around the world. Featured essays look at Pearl Harbor, the Holocaust, the atomic bomb, and other crucial events, as well as fascinating topics such as signals intelligence and the role of women in war. A separate primary source volume provides essential source material for homework, test preparation or special projects. With a wealth of new information and new ideas about the war's causes, course, and consequences, World War II will be the first place students turn for the who, what, when, where, and—more importantly—the why, behind this historic conflict. 950 A-Z entries, including lengthy biographies of individuals, studies of battles, details of weapons systems, and analyses of wartime conferences—all of the topics students look for, and teachers and educators need to have for their classes. Over 270 contributors, including an unprecedented number of non-U.S. authorities, many from Japan and China, giving students a truly global understanding of the war. An inviting design incorporating 600 photographs, including contemporaneous images of individuals, scenes from the front lines, posters, and weapon technologies. A separate primary source volume offering a wide array of materials ranging from official documents to personal correspondence. An early section of 70 detailed geopolitical and military maps, show students the basic sweep of the war.

### **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**

Published to commemorate the 70th anniversary of World War II, this completely new account of one of the deadliest conflicts in history opens with the buildup of hostility leading up to the war and concludes with the war's impact on modern history. 1,200 photos.

### **Arms Of Destruction**

### **Eyewitnesses to Massacre**

Drawing on previously unpublished eyewitness accounts, prizewinning historian Donald L. Miller has written what critics are calling one of the most powerful accounts of warfare ever published. Here are the horror and heroism of World War II in the words of the men who fought it, the journalists who covered it, and the civilians who were caught in its fury. Miller gives us an up-close, deeply personal view of a war that was more savagely fought -- and whose outcome was in greater doubt -- than readers might imagine. This is the war that Americans at the home front would have read about had they had access to the previously censored testimony of the soldiers on which Miller builds his gripping narrative. Miller covers the entire war -- on land, at

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sea, and in the air -- and provides new coverage of the brutal island fighting in the Pacific, the bomber war over Europe, the liberation of the death camps, and the contributions of African Americans and other minorities. He concludes with a suspenseful, never-before-told story of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, based on interviews with the men who flew the mission that ended the war.

### World War I

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor changed the lives of almost every American, and began the process of putting 17 million of them in uniform to fight in World War II. Yet in the long and fascinating body of literature about this terrible event, most historians have neglected the compelling and moving accounts of the surviving military personnel and civilians who were on Oahu at the time of the attack, at dawn on December 7, 1941. Eyewitness to Infamy is their story the astonishing oral history of the brutal attack that pushed the United States into WWII on the side of the Allies: the British, French, and Russians. With the help of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion, Paul Travers collected more than 200 eyewitness accounts from which he painstakingly selected those critical to this behind-the-scenes narrative account. With breathtaking clarity, the narratives cover the full range of military activity on the island, along battleship row, and around the harbor, while portraying the human side of the event the heroic, the tragic, and the terrible reality of the assault."

### I Somehow Survived

### TIME-LIFE World War II in 500 Photographs

Oxmoor House Great Photographs of World War II (Collectors Edition)  
The most evocative collection of World War II photographs ever published. Selected by Time Life editors from thousands of images from museums and collections around the world, these photographs tell the haunting story of the war's heroes and horrors. Famous images from LIFE magazine are juxtaposed with rare photographs to give us a unique glimpse of war through the eyes of soldiers and civilians caught up in the most destructive conflict of all time. The editors have assembled over 280 gripping images into 25 chronological photo essays. Here, the most cataclysmic events of the war, from the Battle of Britain and the attack on Pearl Harbor to D-Day and the fall of the Third Reich, are defined by some of the most dramatic photographs of the 20th century.  
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### The Mammoth Book of Eyewitness World War II

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Provides a concise history of World War II including information about the Holocaust, the code-breaking Enigma, and the deadly V2 rocket.

### **A French Slave in Nazi Germany**

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting to engage reluctant readers! Imagine being fifteen years old, facing the bloodiest battle ever to take place on U.S. soil: the Battle of Gettysburg. In July 1863, this is exactly what happened to Tillie Pierce, a normal teenager who became an unlikely heroine of the Civil War (1861-1865). Tillie and other women and girls like her found themselves trapped during this critical three-day battle in southern Pennsylvania. Without training, but with enormous courage and compassion, Tillie and other Gettysburg citizens helped save the lives of countless wounded Union and Confederate soldiers. In gripping prose, *Tillie Pierce: Teen Eyewitness to the Battle of Gettysburg* takes readers behind the scenes. And through Tillie's own words, the story of one of the Civil War's most famous battles comes alive.

### **Eyewitness to Infamy**

Three classic accounts of WWII from a reporter who "shaped America's understanding of the war, and influenced every account that came after" (Mark Bowden). Volunteer combat correspondent Richard Tregaskis risked life and limb to give American readers a soldier's-eye view of the Second World War. These three tales of bravery and sacrifice shed light on the Greatest Generation's darkest hours. *Guadalcanal Diary*: In August 1942, Tregaskis landed with the US Marines on Tulagi and Guadalcanal Islands in the South Pacific for the first major Allied offensive against Japanese forces. He details the first two months of the campaign and describes the courage and camaraderie of young marines who prepared for battle knowing that one in four of them wouldn't make it home. An instant #1 New York Times bestseller and the basis for a popular film of the same name, *Guadalcanal Diary* is a masterpiece of war journalism that "captures the spirit of men in battle" (John Toland). *Invasion Diary*: In July 1943, Tregaskis joined the Allied forces in Sicily and Italy and documented some of the fiercest fighting of the war, from bombing runs over Rome to the defense of the Salerno beachhead against heavy artillery fire to the fall of Naples. In compelling and evocative prose, Tregaskis depicts the terror and excitement of life on the front lines and his own harrowing brush with death when a chunk of German shrapnel pierced his helmet and shattered his skull. *Invasion Diary* is "required reading for all who want to know how armies fight" (Library Journal). *John F. Kennedy and PT-109*: In the early morning hours of August 2, 1943, the Japanese destroyer Amagiri sliced into US Navy motor torpedo boat PT-109 near the Solomon Islands. Ten surviving crewmembers and their young skipper, Lt. John F. Kennedy, clung to the wreckage. Over the next three days, the privileged son of a Boston multimillionaire displayed extraordinary courage and leadership as he risked his life

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to shepherd his crew to safety and coordinate a daring rescue mission deep in enemy territory. Lieutenant Kennedy earned a Navy and Marine Corps Medal and a Purple Heart, and the story of PT-109 captured the public's imagination and helped propel Kennedy all the way to the White House. Acclaimed war correspondent Tregaskis—who once beat out the future president for a spot on the Harvard University swim team—brings this remarkable chapter in American history to vivid life.

### **Fu-go**

A "chilling" and "expertly" written history of the 1939 September Campaign and the onset of World War II (Times of London). For Americans, World War II began in December of 1941, with the bombing of Pearl Harbor; but for Poland, the war began on September 1, 1939, when Hitler's soldiers invaded, followed later that month by Stalin's Red Army. The conflict that followed saw the debut of many of the features that would come to define the later war—blitzkrieg, the targeting of civilians, ethnic cleansing, and indiscriminate aerial bombing—yet it is routinely overlooked by historians. In Poland 1939, Roger Moorhouse reexamines the least understood campaign of World War II, using original archival sources to provide a harrowing and very human account of the events that set the bloody tone for the conflict to come.

### **World War II**

This definitive, lavishly illustrated book from National Geographic features an astonishing array of vintage and newly created maps, rare photographs, covert documents, and eyewitness accounts that illuminate the world's greatest conflict. This magnificent atlas delves into the cartographic history of WWII: naval, land, and aerial attacks from the invasion of Poland to Pearl Harbor and the Battle of the Bulge. Rare maps include a detailed Germany & Approaches map used by Allied forces in the final stages of the war, full large-scale wartime maps of the world used by President Roosevelt, and crucial Pacific theater maps used by B-17 pilots. Satellite data renders terrain as never before seen, highlighting countries and continents in stunning detail to include the towns, cities, provinces and transportation roads for a pinpoint-accurate depiction of army movements and alliances. Gripping wartime stories from these hallowed fields of battle, along with photographs, sketches, confidential documents, and artifacts color the rest of this timeless and informative book.

### **Eye-witness World War II Battles**

Learn everything you need to know about the first war to shake the world and change the course of history. World War I: The Definitive Visual Guide takes you from the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand to the Treaty of Versailles, through beautifully illustrated

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and easy to understand timelines. Recreate the experience of some of the most prominent battles, such as the Somme and Verdun, through compelling direct accounts from soldiers who fought as well as civilians who lived through the First World War. Marvel at the impressive weaponry and equipment used throughout the war, and learn more about the key figures, such as David Lloyd George and Joseph Joffre. Packed with images, maps, portraits, key artefacts and unforgettable first person accounts, *World War I: The Definitive Visual Guide* is an uniquely accessible military history of one of the world's most devastating conflicts. Previous ISBN: 9781409347613

### **Eyewitness Accounts of the World War II, Murmansk Run, 1941-1945**

This comprehensive overview of the Second World War offers a study of the war's causes and consequences, the objectives and concerns of all combatants, and the events, campaigns, and personalities involved in all theaters of the war.

### **Eyewitness to the D-Day Invasion**

A biography of the newsman who during World War II brought the voices of America's fighting men to the front page and who became a pioneer for today's war journalists

### **British Redcoats**

*World War II on Film* examines the war through the lens of 12 films. The movies selected include productions made during World War II and in each succeeding decade, providing a sense of how different generations experienced the war. *World War II on Film* provides a succinct yet well-grounded appraisal of that war as seen through 12 representative films. The book separates fact from fiction, showing where the movies were accurate and where they departed from reality, and places them in the larger context of historical and social events. Each movie chosen represents a particular aspect of the conflict, including the air war over Europe, the condition of prisoners of war, Nazi atrocities, and the British evacuation at Dunkirk. Unlike most histories of Hollywood during World War II or the genre of war movies, *World War II on Film* examines in depth the relation between the depictions of events, beliefs, attitudes, and ways of life as seen on film with reality as documented by historians or recorded by journalists or eye-witnesses to the war. The volume will appeal to high school and college readers, as well as general interest readers and film buffs. Provides readers with the perspectives of non-American combatants Gives readers an understanding of American perspectives on the war Looks at the importance of the decisions made by individuals as well as the social forces that shaped the war Arms readers with an understanding of how ideology helped determine the decisions of

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wartime leaders

## **World War II**

Near the end of World War II, in an attempt to attack the United States mainland, Japan launched its fu-go campaign, deploying thousands of high-altitude hydrogen balloons armed with incendiary and high-explosive bombs designed to follow the westerly winds of the upper atmosphere and drift to the west coast of North America. After reaching the mainland, these fu-go, the Japanese hoped, would terrorize American citizens and ignite devastating forest fires across the western states, ultimately causing the United States to divert wartime resources to deal with the domestic crisis. While the fu-go offensive proved to be a complete tactical failure, six Americans lost their lives when a discovered balloon exploded. Ross Coen provides a fascinating look into the obscure history of the fu-go campaign, from the Japanese schoolgirls who manufactured the balloons by hand to the generals in the U.S. War Department who developed defense procedures. The book delves into panic, propaganda, and media censorship in wartime. Fu-go is a compelling story of a little-known episode in our national history that unfolded virtually unseen.

## **Ernie Pyle's War**

DK Eyewitness World War I is an exciting and informative guide to the Great War that centred on Europe between 1914-1918. Stunning real-life photographs, illustrating the people, places and stories, offer a unique "eyewitness" view of the conflict dubbed the 'war to end all wars'. From disaster to victory, show your child what life was like as a soldier and how they survived in the muddy trenches. They'll also discover all about the world-changing events that led to the start of the conflict. Great for projects or just for fun, make sure your child learns everything they need to know about World War I. Find out more and download amazing clipart images at [www.dk.com/clipart](http://www.dk.com/clipart).

## **Eyewitness History of World War II**

Many in the West still think of World War II as starting either after Germany's attack on Poland in 1939 or the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, two years and four years, respectively, after long simmering tensions between the Chinese and the Japanese exploded into total war. To date, the infamous Nanjing Massacre of late 1938, in which the Japanese Imperial Army slaughtered and raped countless citizens of Nanjing, has been described from various Chinese, Japanese, and German perspectives. This book of firsthand testimony, mined from the archives of the Yale Divinity School library by Dr. Zhang and his colleagues, may be the most powerful of all, for here are eyewitness accounts by a remarkable group of nine men and one woman, dedicated, compassionate, articulate, and devout American

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missionaries who were there on ground zero, refusing to leave, and doing everything in their power to save the Chinese victims of this appalling atrocity.

### **The Secret History of World War II**

Learn about the Allied invasion of Normandy, including plans for the attack, dramatic triumphs, and unexpected challenges. Additional features to aid comprehension include a table of contents, primary-source quote sidebars, fact-filled captions, a glossary, an introduction to the author, and a listing of source notes.

### **The Story of World War II**

This elegant narrative edition of Neil Kagan's best-selling *Eyewitness to World War II* offers incredible first-person stories and amazing moments of heroism, providing new context and perspective on history's greatest conflict. 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. In this absorbing reader's edition, a carefully curated selection of memorable, significant photographs and illuminating maps from the 2012 book accompanies the revised text. Comprehensive and compelling, this finely wrought book is as gift-worthy as its predecessor.

### **Great Photographs of World War II**

The first in a series of books, *I Somehow Survived* is an extraordinary collection of true stories giving testimony to those who survived World War II. Based on interviews with numerous veterans from across the spectrum of wartime experience, the book documents and reflects upon one of the most gruesome times in history. From anti-partisan warfare in the French mountains and atrocities in East Prussia to the experience of a Norwegian concentration camp, the accounts include rarely heard stories from a range of people caught up in the war. With the distance of time, these survivors have been able to offer new perspectives on their experiences and expose truths they would not have dared admit several decades ago. German Army officers reveal their role in the Vercors and Kiev massacres. A Luftwaffe officer-applicant who never flew describes service on the ground. And a Norwegian woman writes of marrying a German Kriegsmarine while her mother was in a Norwegian concentration camp for political activity and her father was in hiding from the Gestapo. "I have no objection to your marrying him," her father told her, "I just want them to give us our country

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back."

### **The Causes of World War II**

In the momentous days from April 28 to May 2, 1945, the world witnessed the death of two Fascist dictators and the fall of Berlin. Mussolini's capture and execution by Italian partisans, the suicide of Adolf Hitler, and the fall of the German capital signaled the end of the four-year war in the European Theater. In *Five Days That Shocked the World*, Nicholas Best thrills readers with the first-person accounts of those who lived through this dramatic time. In this valuable work of history, the author's special achievement is weaving together the reports of famous and soon-to-be-famous individuals who experienced the war up close. We follow a young Walter Cronkite as he parachutes into Holland with a Canadian troop; photographer Lee Miller capturing the evidence of Nazi atrocities; the future Pope Benedict returning home and hoping not to get caught and shot after deserting his infantry unit; Audrey Hepburn no longer having to fear conscription into a Wehrmacht brothel; and even an SS doctor's descriptions of a decadent sex orgy in Hitler's bunker. In skillfully synthesizing these personal narratives, Best creates a compelling chronicle of the five earth-shaking days when Fascism lost its death grip on Europe. With this vivid and fast-paced narrative, the author reaffirms his reputation as an expert on the final days of great wars.

### **World War II at Sea**

Hoping to finally end World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945. Three days later, the U.S. dropped another massive bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. The result was total devastation. Within seconds of the blasts, more than 120,000 men, women and children died. Thousands more would die from radiation sickness in the months to come. The war was over but the ongoing fear of nuclear destruction had begun.

### **World War II Visual Encyclopedia**

Traces the experiences of a veteran who participated in the world's first battles between aircraft carriers, his military enlistment as a restless youth, radio training, and his thoughts witnessing the sinking of the Yorktown.

### **Five Days That Shocked the World**

This fascinating title sets the world scene in the two decades between the end of World War I and the start of World War II. Readers will get a snapshot of the political and economic situations around the world. With the stock market crash in 1929 and the Great Depression that followed, the world found itself moving again toward war. Find out how

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the humiliation and poverty of the German people led to the rise of Adolf Hitler and the Nazi Party--and a second world war.

### World War I

The Required Work Service Law, or Service du Travail Obligatoire, was passed in 1943 by the Vichy government of France under German occupation. Passage of the law confirmed the French government's willing collaboration in providing the Nazi regime with French manpower to replace German workers sent to fight in the war. The result was the deportation of 600,000 young Frenchmen to Germany, where they worked under the harshest conditions. Elie Poulard was one of the Frenchmen forced into labor by the Vichy government. Translated by his brother Jean V. Poulard, Elie's memoir vividly captures the lives of a largely unrecognized group of people who suffered under the Nazis. He describes in great detail his ordeal at different work sites in the Ruhr region, the horrors that he witnessed, and the few Germans who were good to him. Through this account of one eyewitness on the ground, we gain a vivid picture of Allied bombing in the western part of Germany and its contribution to the gradual collapse and capitulation of Germany at the end of the war. Throughout his ordeal, Elie's Catholic faith, good humor, and perseverance sustained him. Little has been published in French or English about the use of foreign workers by the Nazi regime and their fate. The Poulards' book makes an important contribution to the historiography of World War II, with its firsthand account of what foreign workers endured when they were sent to Nazi Germany. The memoir concludes with an explanation of the ongoing controversy in France over the opposition to the title *Déporté du Travail*, which those who experienced this forced deportation, like Elie, gave themselves after the war.

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