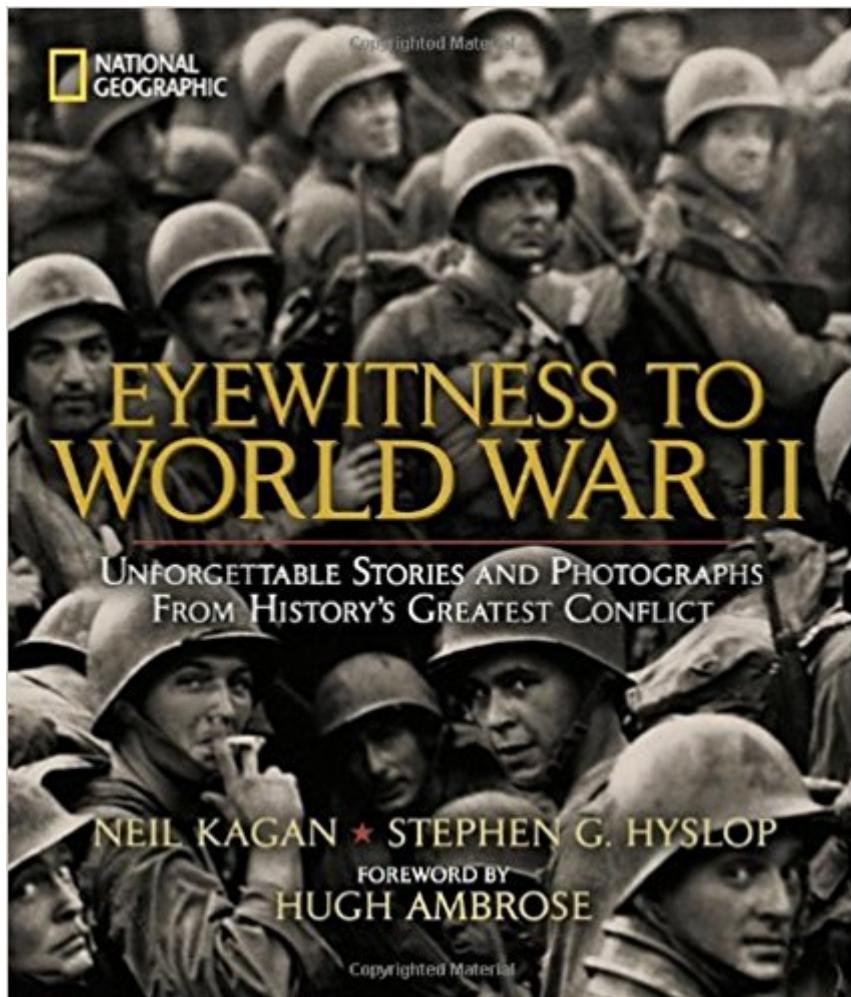


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# **Eyewitness To World War II: Unforgettable Stories And Photographs From History's Greatest Conflict**



## **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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## **Customer Reviews**

National Geographic has created another photo-filled documentary. The text and photos are primarily about the human participants: the soldiers in combat or wounded, the injured civilians, and the devastated cities. The story (including what some would classify as minor episodes) is told without a political agenda. The facts, the underlying motivations and objectives, and the personal eyewitness accounts are sprinkled throughout the book. Traumatic American events like Pearl

Harbor and D-Day are accorded longer segments. The book is targeted at those who lack knowledge of the WWII timeline from the early 1930s to 1945. Students today are given such a brief overview that they do not realize the trauma of the time nor the significance of the outcome. Many are swayed by the political propaganda. Here is an opportunity to witness the horror of war in both victory and defeat. This is one of the best summary accounts I've seen. I read a lot of books dealing with specific campaigns and personalities that go far beyond this book. I do have a constructive criticism about this volume. It does not cover the period from Kursk (summer 1943) to the fall of Berlin (spring 1945) on the Eastern Front. The greatest loss of life and property in human history occurred in this period. "Eyewitness" is incomplete without the stories of these people and how their fates were determined.

I gave this to my sister for Christmas as she is a big WWII enthusiast. We both expected to see some interesting and well done pictures in this book; however, what we did not expect was how compelling and interesting the writing was throughout. It was good enough that it could be considered a page turner. The book covers everything from the end of WWI through D-Day, VE-Day, and VJ-Day as well as touching on some lesser covered events. Another reviewer put it pretty perfectly when they described it as something to the effect "If you could make a WWII book a coffee table book, this would be it." Overall I would recommend this to anyone looking for a good book on 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.

I have been studying WWII for a couple of years now. (I'm just a nut about history) I wanted a book with more photos and personal accounts of what happened between 1939 and 1945, because let's face it, unless you were there imagination can only take you so far. We've all seen the standard photos printed over and over. I wanted something more and I got it in this book. Faces. Situations. Conflict. Information. Mud. War. If you want to get more from a book of history than just the printed words ~ this is the book for you.

Bought this for my father-in-law, and he likes it a lot. It has tons of photographs. Be aware: some of these are brutal. It has a lot to read but this is mostly a photographic collection of the war. It is easy to read, and I can see it being one you would want to look at many times over.

I Bought this book for my Uncle, who is a Veteran of WWII. He currently resides in Assisted Living, suffering from dementia. Like many of his age group with that illness, he remembers the past the best. He can tell you in detail everything about his time serving in the Navy during the War. This book, made up of mostly pictures, is wonderful for him. He has looked at it so much it is becoming dogeared and everyone there says he shows it to them all of the time. There aren't many WWII Veterans left, but if you're still lucky enough to have one in your Life, I highly recommend this book!

My grandnephew is an ROTC cadet and future Marine. He had expressed an interest in World War II history, perhaps because my father had served in the Navy during that turbulent era. I purchased for him this excellent combination of photography and detailed history of unsung heroes. What arrived wowed me. There are rare photographs, true, but the recap of military clashes tells far more than I learned in history classes during the 1960s.I strongly recommend this excellent pictorial history as a gift for anyone who plans a military career. It is a quality hardcover at a paperback price.Reviewed by L. Dean Murphy, a Bookreporter contributor

Great book with many awesome photos and stock piled with a lot of information. Another great book we need to make sure is around for generations to come, so this war and all our soldiers sacrificed is never forgotten.

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