

WW2 History Club

Recommended Books

Beevor, Anthony

D-Day: The Battle for Normandy Viking, 2010

Integrates individual experiences, tactical engagements, operational intentions and strategic plans to document the Normandy campaign from Overlord planning through the Allied breakout. Sharply critical of senior commanders on both sides.

Bullock, Alan

Hitler – A Study in Tyranny Harper, 1962

Study of Hitler's political career. The classic biography of Hitler that remains, years after its publication, one of the most authoritative and readable accounts of his life

Clark, Alan

Barbarossa: The Russian-German Conflict Quill, 1985

German-Russian conflict on the Eastern Front

Frank, Richard

Guadalcanal: The Definitive Account of the Landmark Battle

Random House, 1990

Documents America's first major combined (air, sea, land) offensive of the Pacific War.

Hersey, John

Hiroshima Knopf, 1946

Centers on six people who were at Hiroshima

Keegan, John

Second World War, The Viking, 1990

Broad coverage of the entire war

Lewins, Ronald

The American Magic: Codes, Ciphers and the Defeat of Japan Farrar, 1982

American success in breaking Japanese codes and how this contributed to victory in the Pacific

Ploky, Serhi

Yalta – The Price of Peace Viking, 2010

A new and convincing revisionist analysis of the February 1945 Yalta conference based on new Soviet sources to make a case that Yalta was anything but the diplomatic defeat for the West so often depicted in cold war literature.

Prange; Goldstein; Dillon

At Dawn We Slept McGraw Hill, 1981

Events leading up to the attack on Pearl Harbor and its aftermath

Prange; Goldstein; Dillon

Miracle at Midway McGraw Hill, 1982

Studies the turning point in the Pacific Theatre using archival materials and interviews with participants on both sides

Smith, Gladdis

American Diplomacy During The Second World War 1941 – 1945 Wiley, 1965

Policies and events from the viewpoint of American leaders

Spector, Ronald

Eagle Against the Sun: The American War with Japan Free Press, 1985

In depth coverage of the Pacific War from causes through aftermath

Speer, Albert

Inside the Third Reich Macmillan, 1970

Memoirs written while the author was in prison for war crimes

Terkel, Studs

The Good War Pantheon, 1984

Compilation of over 100 oral histories representing many viewpoints on the war

Wiesel, Elie

Night Avon, 1972

One of the masterpieces of Holocaust literature. It is the autobiographical account of an adolescent boy and his father in Auschwitz.