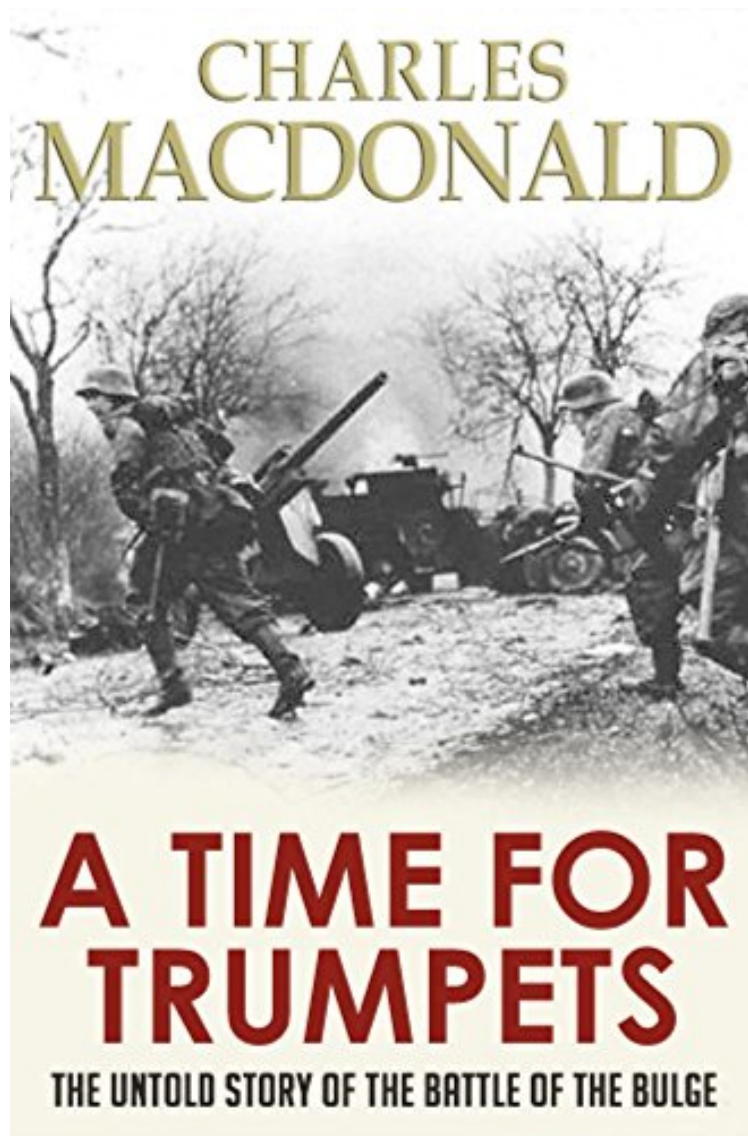


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of Charles B. MacDonald's terrific book on the Battle of the Bulge is the fact that it so vividly and accurately addresses each sector of the battle cohesively and coherently, without confusing the reader with a jumble of confusing different events at a particular time so that one is unable to thread together what was happening along a timeline in a specific place without undue difficulty. This said, it's also the only criticism I have of what's otherwise a wonderful, well-written, exciting, and thoroughly researched work. Although this may sound contradictory, it really is not. Unlike "Battle" by John Toland or "Citizen Soldiers" by Stephen Ambrose, one sometimes loses the overall perspective these books provide in concentrating on a particular location without understanding other concurrent events and activities. SO, while I enjoyed the fact that his approach allows greater understanding of particular events in their entirety, I was occasionally frustrated in trying to figure out (without flipping through other sections) what was also going on at the time. I hasten to add that this is an unavoidable situation; one can't have it both ways at once. So while it does detract slightly from the book's overall account of the Battle of the Bulge in total, I appreciate and love the final work the author has given us. Therefore I want to emphasize what a unique book this is, and what an outstanding job MacDonald has done in depicting the on-the-scene descriptions of various units in action. Of course, given the fact that he was a field commander on the scene as the battle progressed, he indeed has a unique contribution to offer in way of eye-witness testimony as well as wonderful natural access to others who were there as well. He uses these resources along with a gripping ability to tell the story in a well-written and entertaining way that makes the book unforgettable. Using "A Time For Trumpets" along with Toland's "Battle", Ambrose's "Citizen Soldiers", and John Eisenhower's "The Bitter Woods", the serious reader can much better appreciate and understand, at almost every level, how the madness of that several week period unfolded in mid-December 1944 during the worst winter weather of some fifty years in Europe. Hitler's strike with 1400 tanks and over a quarter million troops into the heart of the Ardennes at the Allies single weakest point came with complete surprise, and stunned, re-awakened and alarmed an overconfident, over-extended, and under-supported Allied command structure who thought they already had practically whipped the German Wehrmacht into submission. This is a terrific book and a wonderfully written and documented work of modern war history, and I recommend it to anyone who really wants to understand what unfolded in those fateful weeks in France. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A readable, comprehensive account of the battle Von Ein Kunde While MacDonald is no Ambrose when it comes to personal stories and oral histories of the individuals who fought in the great battle, he nevertheless lends organization to explaining what happened during the chaos of the Battle of the Bulge. He divides the German offensive into three geographical areas and discusses in great detail the chronology of events in each sector. This book uses many maps depicting local areas under discussion. While the descriptions are well worthwhile and do not bog down, MacDonald tends to emphasize the REMF's decisions and commands rather than those in the foxhole. As a company commander during the bulge himself, Mac still is able to lend acute authenticity to this retelling of the Bulge, sprinkled somewhat with Ambrose-esque vignettes of local action. One should read this book first, and THEN go on to read "A Blood Dimmed Tide" as this book gives an excellent overview of the entire event. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Exceptional Detail Von J. M. Codispoti Charles McDonald has created a wonderfully detailed, yet readable account of this epic World War II campaign--no small feat. The only criticism I would point out is his tendency to advance the account by battlefield sector rather than by pure chronology. For example, he would describe three days of action in the northern sector and then revert back to day one to cover action in the central sector. I found myself referring back to the maps in the previous sections to get an appreciation for what was happening in the other sectors. A pure chronological approach would have made it much easier to keep the status of the entire battlefield in focus. Nonetheless, 'A Time for Trumpets' is a 'must buy' for the military historian in general and the WW II buff in particular.

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