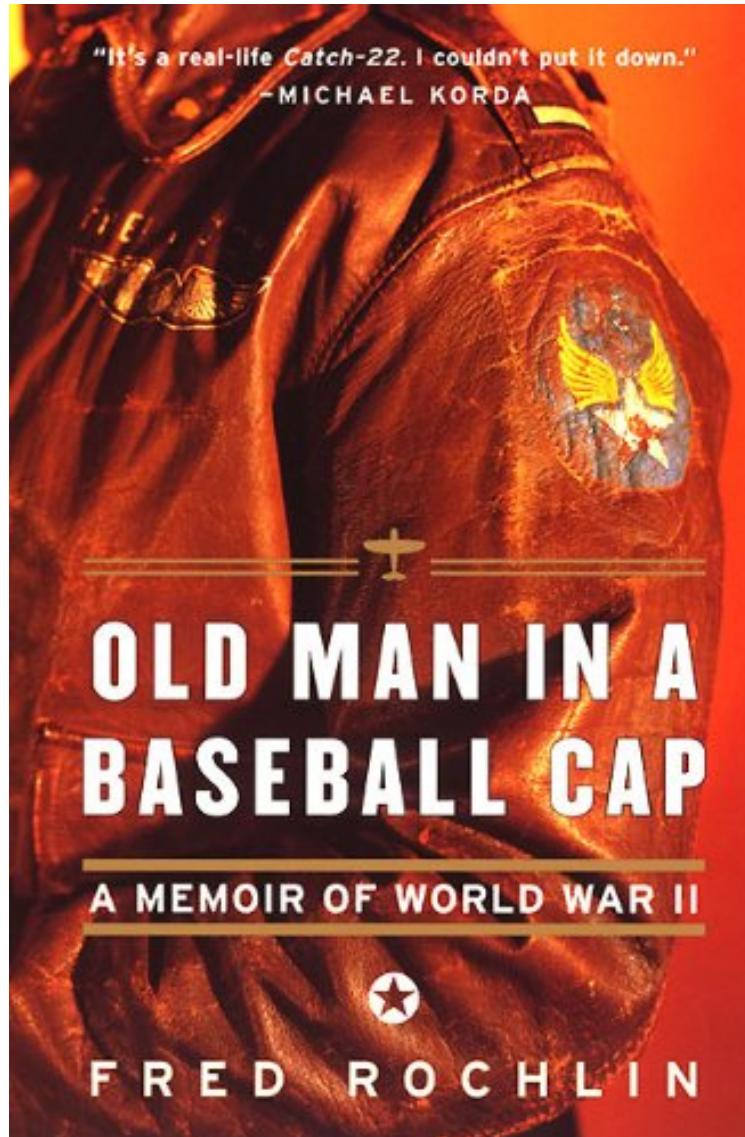


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Old Man in a Baseball Cap Hits a Homerun! Von John Ulferts Just into the second paragraph of his lively and fresh wartime memoir, Rochlin writes that "Everybody has a story. I believe everyone's story is important; should be told, retold, written and recorded." Thank God, Rochlin told his. The greatest generation is fading fast. 1,000 World War II

veterans die each day. And with them they take the first hand recollections of a great crusade that made this world worth living in. Had it not been for the courageous youth like Rochlin, Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan may have won that war and a new age of barbarism would have swept across the Earth. What is so intriguing about Rochlin's memoirs is how fresh they are. One would have expected a book like this to have been written during, or immediately after, the war. Instead, he waited some fifty odd years to record his recollections. Instead of coming across stale, blurred by the cobwebs of time, they are as pristine and as fresh as if they had been lived just yesterday. Rochlin's book is an honest book. All are not heroes in his text. There are soldiers such as Bradley Duncan Belchore thirsty for power, as evidenced by his statement to Rochlin: "Don't you know the only thing in life that's worth a damn is power and you get it any way you can." There are moments of beauty amidst the horror such as when Captain Connor, the flight surgeon, and Rochlin help deliver an Italian woman's baby. And, there are youth, thrust into a battle more horrible than they ever could have imagined, who are terrified beyond belief - such as Shaunessey, the bombardier, who went catatonic every time the B-24 went into flight. Although these men are not billed as heroes, they in fact were - warts and all. For what was at stake in that war was different than all the wars that had come before it. God Bless, Fred Rochlin, for keeping those memories alive and for sharing them with us. If you haven't heard his story, you owe it to yourself. This is one old man in a baseball cap worth listening too.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Gift For My Father Von Valen Watson Author Fred Rochlin implores us in the beginning of his extraordinary memoir to tell our stories. Everyone, not just artists or great thinkers, not just adventurers or philosophers. Five billion people, five billion stories, is the way he sees it. "Tell your story. Tell your story." And with this you begin to read his: poignant, self-deprecating snapshots of a guy beginning with a classic stumble into the war effort and then just trying to survive when everyone else around him is dying, physically and spiritually. There is a fatalistic bent to his humor, self-deprecating, dry, keenly observant but still achingly innocent. Life, as Fred remembers it seems to be a series of incidents, one inexorably leading to another, and another until you either survive, or you die. Fred's mission to us in the forward of his book now makes sense: living with those memories and the loss of innocence that is never recoverable has left him with the belief that all human life is sacred and every life is a memory to be cherished. Perhaps if more stories are told, there will be less of a void left by those who did not survive the bombings, the shootings, the camps and the marches. I know my father, who was given this book for his birthday, and who has never talked of the war, will see Fred as more than just an old guy, but a fellow traveller who blossomed out of the adversity of life and created a miracle out of memories. My father couldn't have a better gift to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday than that.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Echos Of Past Ring True Von Tom Flynn There are basically two kinds of people that read books about WWII: veterans of military service and non veterans. What is unique and refreshing about "Old Man in a Baseball Cap" is that it can and does appeal to both. With a plain talk monologue style, Fred Rochlin revisits the highlights of his days as a young American overseas in a world trying to survive itself. On an epic scale where armadas of bombers fly back and forth on their daily commute to deadly encounters with the enemy, and in a personal level on the ground between missions where the skills needed to survive take on new and amazing dimensions, Rochlin gets it right. Most appealing throughout is the often overlooked shophistication of the generation that fought and won World War II. With a sense of humor that comes with age and wisdom, Rochlin simply just sits down with reader and talks. He tells it short and sweet, with many areas of military life rarely talked about but very believable to anyone who has served there country in time of war. Easy to read, Old Man in a Baseball Cap sinks into the reader's mind as just another memoir. But after days or even weeks, the poignant truths about universal human nature and ambitions pop up and make us realize how similar our life experiences are. This is a good book to read for anyone who has been in the military or wants to gain more understanding of someone who has.

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