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Von John Keegan

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Von John Keegan : The Battle For History: Refighting World War Two before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Battle For History: Refighting World War Two:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Useful but limitedVon Ein KundeA better title for this little book would have been "Further Reading on World War II." It is

basically an annotated bibliography. Since the author is John Keegan, the recommendations are quite good, and I've taken his advice in a couple cases. However, it might have been better to publishing this material as a "Further Reading" section at the end of his fine book "The Second World War" rather than bringing it out as a book on its own right. Alternatively, he could have expanded to include recommendations for military history in general, and placed at the end of his "A History of Warfare." As it stands, it is a useful guide to the literature of WWII, but the reader shouldn't expect in-depth treatment of any of the many issues addressed in the book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Disappointing for what it leaves outVon Ein KundeJohn Keegan's brilliance is occasionally seen in cameo form here, with his usual facility for the telling phrase and sharp insight. But the problem is that the book does not go very far. There are many important and/or interesting works which are not even mentioned - one thinks of the official South African history of the Sidi Rezeg battles and Alamein in the Western Desert in 1941, by Agar-Hamilton and Turner. Accustomed as we are to Keegan's astonishing range, it is disappointing to see such a slight work by him. He also seems reluctant to assess the place of the huge number of personal biographies (some academic, some popular) of generals from the various armies.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. MisleadingVon R. AlbinThis book is a shameless attempt on the part of the publisher and the author to trade on Keegan's reputation and the great general interest in WWII. The title and subtitle to this book leads readers to expect a historiography of WWII. Instead, this is a short bibliographic essay on important books on WWII. While Keegan's recommendations are useful, this slight book is not worth spending money on unless you can buy it at a steep discount. This is the kind of information that should appear at the back of a decent one volume history and which I suspect is absent from Keegan's book on WWII.

KurzbeschreibungAlthough 50 years have passed since the end of World War II, there has as yet been no definitive history of that conflict. Existing histories have raised as many questions as they answer: Did Roosevelt have foreknowledge of the attack on Pearl Harbour? Could the Allies have invaded France before 1944? Might bombing the Auschwitz railway have impeded the course of the Holocaust? John Keegan here assesses the literature that has emerged from World War II - and the controversies it has generated - in a book that combines stunning erudition with crisp prose and highly personal discernment..deConsider this book a means to an end: much of it is actually a bibliographic essay in which the distinguished military historian John Keegan points to what he considers the most important books on the Second World War. Anybody interested in the conflict will want to consult Keegan's list as they add to their personal libraries. Keegan also lays out the war's historiography, pointing out how much still is not known about what happened, especially on Europe's eastern front. He makes the surprising comment that the definitive history of the Second World War has yet been written. To the extent that no single person has expertise in the dozen or so languages necessary to grasp all of the essential literature on the subject--or the many years it would take to master this material--he may have a point. But has he forgotten his own one-volume book, The Second World War? In any event, this isn't the first, second, or third book on the Second World War that you will want to buy. But as your collection grows, you will find this one indispensable.Pressestimmen"John Keegan - dapper, lantern-jawed, a man who pounds facts into place as if with a sledgehammer - is the military historian's military historian... If he did not exist, the History Channel would not be able to invent him."