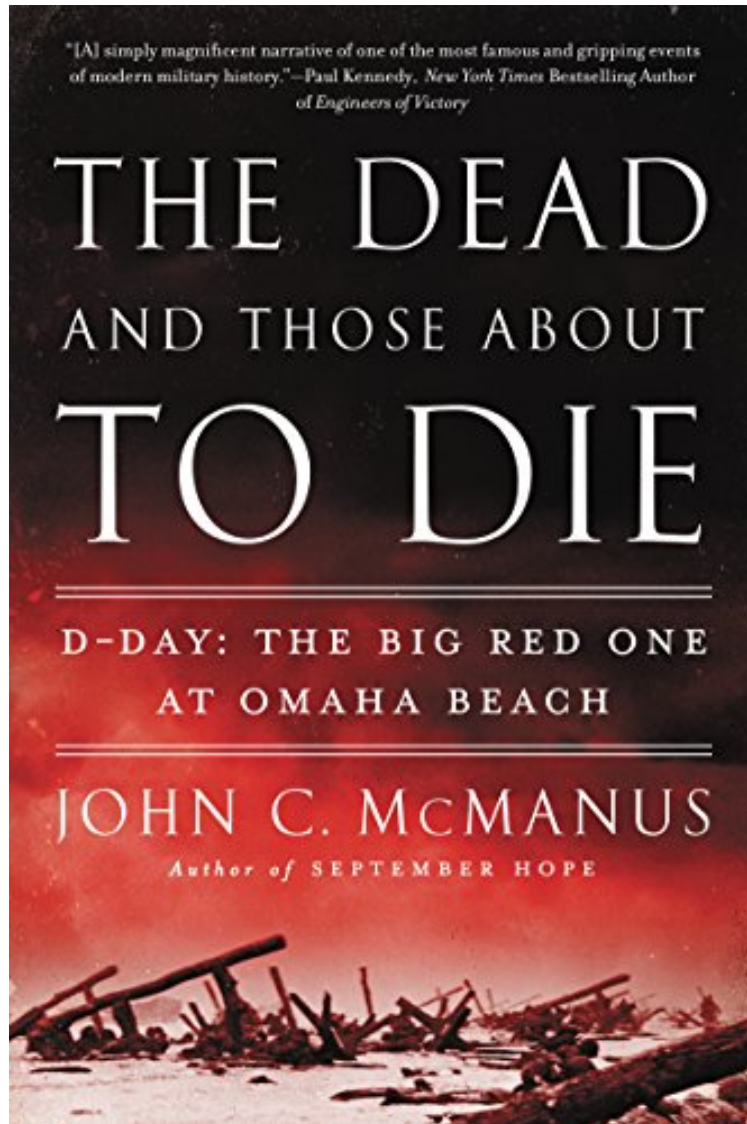


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Zeit noch zu einem Thema geschrieben werden, das in epischer Breite von vielen auch sehr angesehenen Historikern behandelt wurde?McManus beschränkt sich allerdings auf den Abschnitt der "Big Red One." So behlt man als Leser etwas besser den Überblick als bei den umfassenderen Werken von Balkowski und anderen. Wobei "Omaha" von Balkowski nach wie vor der Stand der Dinge bei der Literatur über "Omaha" bleibt.Lesenswert und informativ ist das Buch aber allemal!

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As the men hit the beach, their equipment destroyed or washed away, soldiers cut down by the dozens, courageous heroes emerged: men such as Sergeant Raymond Strojny, who grabbed a bazooka and engaged in a death duel with a fortified German antitank gun; T/5 Joe Pinder, a former minor-league pitcher who braved enemy fire to save a vital radio; Lieutenant John Spalding, a former sportswriter, and Sergeant Phil Streczyk, a truck driver, who together demolished a German strong point overlooking Easy Red, where hundreds of Americans had landed. Along the way, McManus explores the Gap Assault Team engineers who dealt with the extensive mines and obstacles, suffering nearly a fifty percent casualty rate; highlights officers such as Brigadier General Willard Wyman and Colonel George Taylor, who led the way to victory; and punctures scores of myths surrounding this long-misunderstood battle. **The Dead and Those About to Die** draws on a rich array of new or recently unearthed sources, including interviews with veterans. The result is history at its finest, the unforgettable story of the Big Red One's nineteen hours of hell and their ultimate triumph on June 6, 1944. **INCLUDES PHOTOGRAPHS** **Pressestimmen** Magnificent! I could not put this book down. John McManus has expanded our knowledge of D-Day history by a considerable factor. It is a great read and will appeal to both devoted students of World War II as well as those with a more casual interest. Don't miss it! Joseph Balkowski, author of *Omaha Beach* and *Utah Beach* **The Dead and Those About to Die** is a gripping, first-hand account of the desperate battle for Omaha Beach on D-Day by the legendary 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One. On the 70th anniversary of that momentous event, John C. McManus's tale of courage under fire is a vivid reminder that freedom isn't free and that when the chips are down stalwart American soldiers will always answer the call of duty. Carlo D'Este, author of *Patton: A Genius For War* and *Warlord: A Life of Churchill at War, 1874-1945* At first I thought I would draw the reader's attention to the simply magnificent narrative of one of the most famous and gripping events of modern military history, the nineteen hours epic of the First Division's landing, purgatory, and then near-exhausted triumph at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944. Then I thought I would draw the attention of my professional fellow-historians to the outstanding set of notes and oral histories, so neatly tucked away at the end, superb scholarship but worn so lightly. But finally I had to choose its ending, the chapter called *Meaning*, on the thoughts, emotions, and later lives of this remarkable group of warriors. I closed this book with the deepest respect. Paul Kennedy, New York Times bestselling author of *Engineers of Victory* and *The Rise and Fall of Great Powers* With painstaking research, military historian John C. McManus delves behind the broader canvas of Omaha Beach to capture the courage, grit, and sacrifice of the 1st Division's D-Day landing. This is as real as it gets without having been there. Walter R. Borneman, national bestselling author of *The Admirals*, Winner of the Samuel Eliot Morison Award A skilled and highly talented author, John McManus has delivered another first-rate piece of scholarship. **The Dead and Those About to Die** is a tour de force of historical writing. Robert von Maier, Editor-in-Chief of *Global War Studies* In vivid and chilling detail, this brilliantly organized battle narrative immortalizes the 1st Division's assault on Omaha Beach. Having unearthed eyewitness accounts of courage, carnage, fear and leadership never told before, McManus's masterful work deserves a place alongside those of Cornelius Ryan, Stephen Ambrose and Rick Atkinson. David L. Roll, author of *The Hopkins Touch* John McManus's brilliant chronicle of the Big Red One's experience on Bloody Omaha captures the grit, pathos, and valor of the battle like no other book that I have read. This is gripping history beautifully and masterfully told by one of America's premier historians. 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