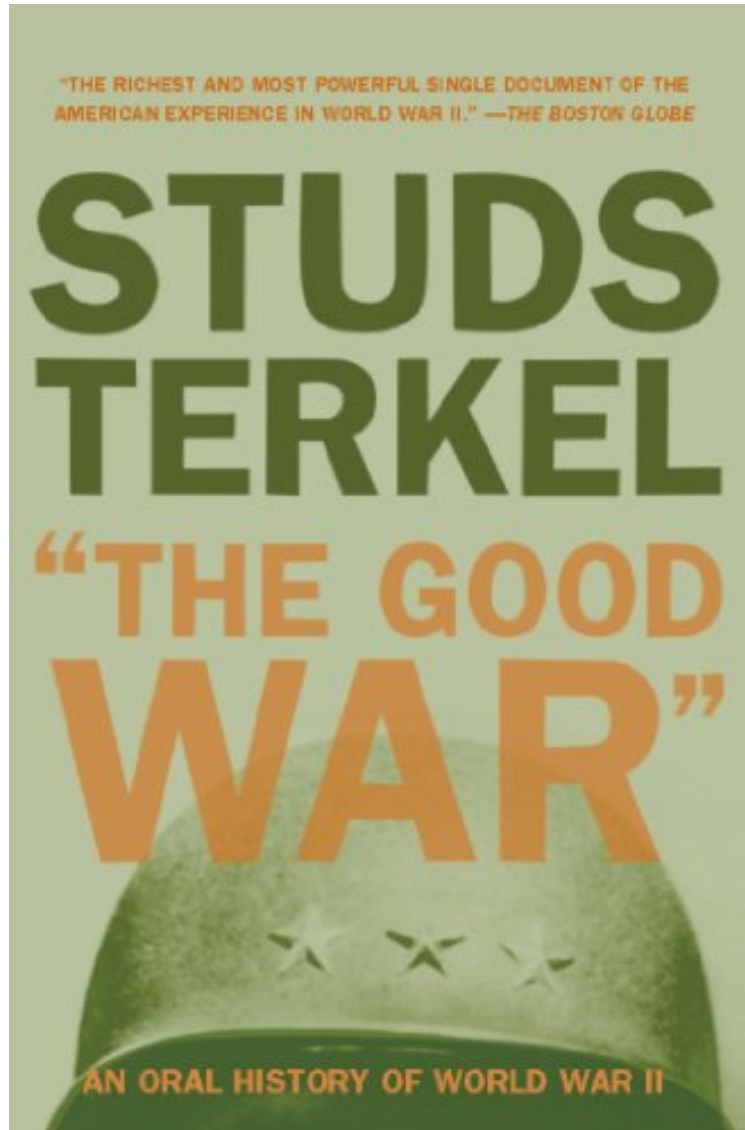


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Von Studs Terkel : The Good War: An Oral History of World War II before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Good War: An Oral History of World War II:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A series of short true stories of WWII Von Donal Fenlon I found this easy to read. The book presented many aspects of the time. Some peoples accounts of famous events like Pearl Harbour were fresh and relevant. Don't expect a balanced view of the war nor the truth. What you do get is tales as interesting for what they leave out as put in. The book opens very

much in the style of Saving Private Ryan with stories of bullets, bombs and carnage. There are definite themes such as treatment of the American-Japanese community on the home front, the Afro-American troops story, Women and the war and the Atomic bomb and its impact and effects. The book never concludes anything though there is a narrator presence here and there in the pages. The analysis of these oral histories is for the reader. I found it showed how tough the human condition is. On the whole most participants in the war felt the A-bomb should have been dropped. Only Japanese felt otherwise! The turn around in foreign policy from Russia as an Ally to enemy No.1 was also quite noticeable. The relatively lenient treatment of the Germans involved in war crimes was also highlighted for me. It's a bit like the freeing of terrorist prisoners here and in Northern Ireland under the Good Friday Peace Agreement. My main hope is that there is a good peace now 'The Troubles' are ended.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Stories your parents could have told you.Von G. PowellI liked this book because it is written as if you are asking a relative what they did during the war. No one's story is too long, unlike my relatives who go on and on. (That's the author's trimming.) Yet I was fascinated. There are lots of big picture histories and if you know that history, fitting in the scene from a person on the ground is really very interesting. It's the why we fought, not for your country, but rather once on the line, not to let your buddies down. The feeling of regret when you finally meet the enemy and he looks just like you.Anyway I'd read "Working" by S.Terkel and liked it. This book is written in the same style.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Good War captivates, one true story after anotherVon Ein KundeThe Good War gives one a taste of what it was like to grow up and live during the war, from all kinds of perspectives: soldiers, mothers, leaders, survivors, victims and heroes. In the post-Viet Nam era, it is easy to forget how World War II was a war most felt had to be fought, and it is easy to forget the lessons learned by those who went through it. The narratives of such profound and life-changing events are riveting, touching, and profound.

KurzbeschreibungThe Good War for which Terkel won the Pulitzer Prize, is a testament not only to the experience of war but to the extraordinary skill of Terkel as interviewer. As always, Terkel's subjects are open and unrelenting in their analyses of themselves and their experiences, producing what People magazine has called a splendid epic history of World War II. With this volume Terkel expanded his scope to the global and the historical and the result is a masterpiece of oral history."Tremendously compelling, somehow dramatic and intimate at the same time." The New York Times Book