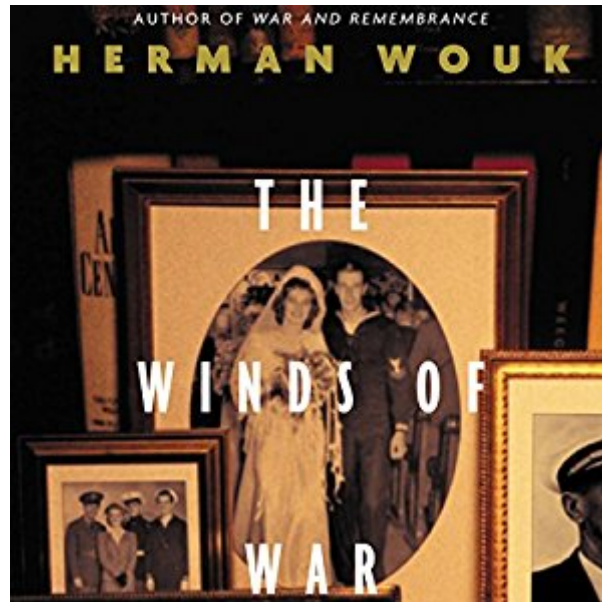




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The Winds Of War



Synopsis

A masterpiece of historical fiction, this is the Great Novel of America's "Greatest Generation". Herman Wouk's sweeping epic of World War II, which begins with *The Winds of War* and continues in *War and Remembrance*, stands as the crowning achievement of one of America's most celebrated storytellers. Like no other books about the war, Wouk's spellbinding narrative captures the tide of global events - and all the drama, romance, heroism, and tragedy of World War II - as it immerses us in the lives of a single American family drawn into the very center of the war's maelstrom.

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Customer Reviews

If you were one of those students that was doodling during American History or, more likely, by spring when WWII was covered, was thinking of other things as the teacher sped through the entire event in two periods, this is an wonderfully enjoyable way to get the history you missed. Following two families, this historic fiction offers insights into WWII that no textbook could. It opens in early 1939 and closes with Pearl Harbor, describing events in London, Europe, Washington and the Pacific. The book includes an enormous amount of factual data on actual events and individuals who played a significant role during the period. Additionally, it very effectively employs the device of reports written by a fictitious German general, to provide the German perspective on the war effort there. All in all an excellent book that should be required reading for anyone that feels they know too little about the period. And the sequel, *War and Remembrance* (which I am now reading) is an

excellent follow up, continuing to track the characters throughout the remainder of the war.

This is both a story of a war and a story of a family caught in it. It begins with a demented dictator in Germany and ends as with the attack on Pearl Harbor so the American war is yet to unfold. The war in Europe is the main thread and the American Naval Officer caught up in with his maturing young family. While Captain Henry Is assigned to desk jobs in the effort to save England and later Russia from the tide of the war he longs for a command of a sea going vessel. The book gives fascinating insights into the the powerful rulers involved in the War and the Peace and the roles each must play in this largest war in history.

I've been a fan of history since high school, but this book, and its sequel, "War and Remembrance" bring WWII to life like nothing I've ever read. I've always enjoyed historical fiction and these two books are two of the best, especially the recounting of the luck (it can be described as nothing else, except, maybe, an act of god) the U.S. experienced at the battle of Midway, where the U.S. essentially destroyed the Japanese Navy, or at least its ability to ever win again. I read these two books as a high school student, then again about five years ago and am starting a third re-read at this time. These two novels never get old.

I have read and reread this book in paper form several times. I purchased it for my Kindle to have an alternative to carrying around the heavy book (my kindle weighs fall less than the book and I can change the font size as the day progresses). If you have never read this book before take an up-tight navy Captain (who while being strictly military is also a human being), a son following in his footsteps and another son who is basically floating through life making as few waves as possible, and a wife who loves her husband (most of the time) who is more ambitious for his advancement to keep up with the Jones. Add into this middleclass protestant world a Jewish devil may care girl who is worldly wise and living in Europe in the late 1930's who doesn't believe evil exists and who has an uncle who thinks that the war if it comes will not effect him since he is a famous author. Now add WWII to the mix and you have a hell of a story told by Mr. Wouk in full color. The story takes us into Germany before the US enters the War, takes us to England where the war is raging, to Russia during the war, to the Pacific after Pearl Harbor. The sequel to Winds of War is War and Remembrance and should not be read out of sequence!

Amazing saga of WWII as seen through the lives of one family. I'd read the book many years ago -

shortly after it was published and am now listening to the unabridged audio (45+ hours on 3 MP3s). The author does a precise job of explaining the war - from the German's slaughter of the Jews, to the U.S.'s hesitancy to join, all the politics that go along with a way, the military view, and so much more. It's like reading a history book at one moment, a novel, the next, and biography the next. I HIGHLY recommend this book - for history lovers, mystery lovers (since you really don't know what is going to happen), to those that just like good literature.

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