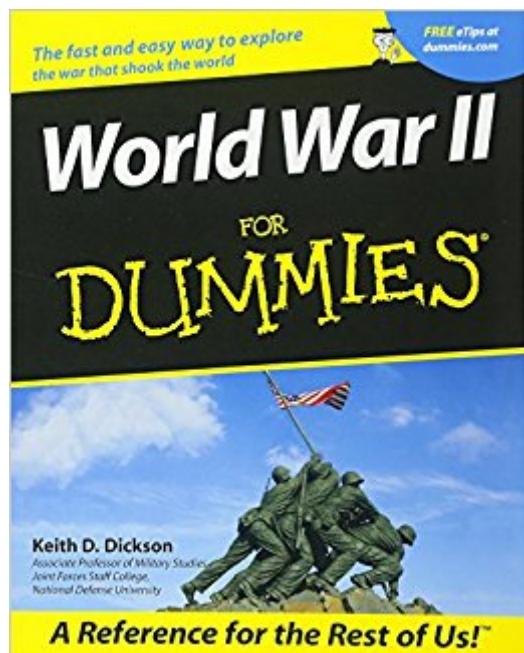


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I'm using this book as the text for a high school level review class. It does a great job of providing context for the war and hopefully sparking a deeper interest. However if you're looking for a comprehensive volume on the war, this isn't it. So far the WWII expert in me has been really impressed with what is included. It can spark an interest in someone who wants to know more about this important conflict.

Great summary which really opens your eyes!! But the maps are not very clear - it's difficult or impossible to see the boundaries of land and sea. This may seem insignificant, but you need the maps to understand the text. Overall, though, this is a great way to get the highlights of this incredibly complicated part of history.

I am not a history buff. I'm a homeschool mom researching WWII. This book perfectly met my needs. I plan to use it instead of a boring textbook, when my son begins learning about this era. Keith Dickson did a superb job writing this book. Information is presented simply and in such an interesting way it's captivating. The book left me not only with a better knowledge but with a greater appreciation for all those involved in WWII.

I've always known a bit about the ETO (European Theater Ops), but not much at all about the PTO (Pacific Theater Ops). I found the opening chapter to the book especially helpful, as it explained why certain countries aligned the way they did before the war started. It also does a good job setting up the Japanese Empire's goals and directives, which I think gets ignored quite a bit in history classes. If you're a casual student of military history who wants a good foundation for deeper study, this is a great book (especially for high school students who want a good, easy read without getting bogged down in incredible detail). In addition, the maps are simplistic and easy to understand re: army movements.

Wish this book had been offered for WWII history in college. So readable and easy to understand. I am in an older adult study group and this is the book that we are using. Great refresher! Jo Gifford

I used this book to supplement the textbook for my 11th grade history students. This provides an outstanding overview of topics many school textbooks only gloss over. The students enjoyed the extra insight.

Excellent read so far. I need this type of information to help my knowledge of WWII. I am a docent at the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, Va. If there are similar books especially the Marine Corps involvement please feel free to let me know. Thank you, David Penman, Major USMC (ret).

Bought this e-book to brush up on my WWII before visiting the National WWII Museum in New Orleans (which by the way is looking really nice these days). Anyway, this book was perfect for just that. I've always been a fan of the for Dummies series. They're great for when I want more information than Wikipedia can provide yet I don't want to take an entire online course devoted to the subject.

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