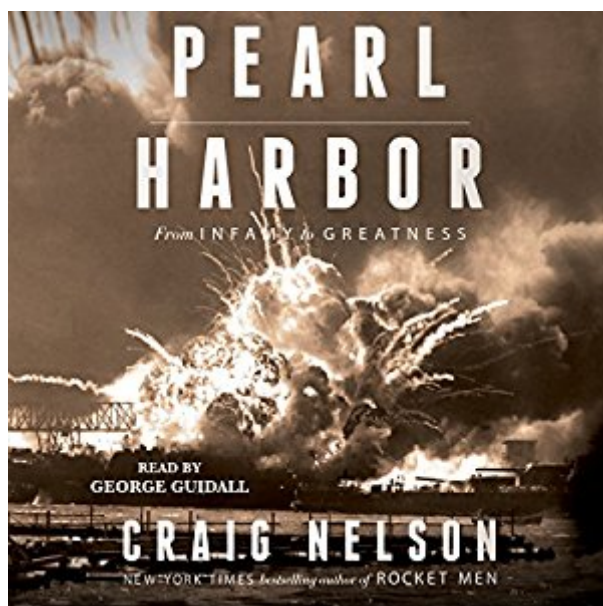


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Pearl Harbor: From Infamy To Greatness



Synopsis

Published in time for the 75th anniversary, a gripping and definitive account of the event that changed 20th-century America - Pearl Harbor - based on years of research and new information uncovered by a New York Times best-selling author. The America we live in today was born not on July 4, 1776, but on December 7, 1941, when almost 400 Japanese planes attacked the US Pacific Fleet, killing 2,400 men and sinking or damaging 16 ships. In *Pearl Harbor: From Infamy to Greatness*, Craig Nelson follows, moment by moment, the sailors, soldiers, pilots, admirals, generals, emperors, and presidents, all starting with a pre-polio assistant secretary of the navy, Franklin D. Roosevelt, attending the laying of the keel of the USS Arizona at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, against the backdrop of the imperial, military, and civilian leaders of Japan lurching into ultranationalist fascism, all culminating in an insanely daring scheme to shock the Allies with a technologically revolutionary mission in one of the boldest military stories ever told - one with consequences that continue to echo in our lives today. Besides the little-understood history of how and why Japan attacked America, we can hear the abandoned record player endlessly repeating "Sunrise Serenade" as the Japanese bombs hit the deck of the California; we feel terror as navy wives, helped by their Japanese maids, upturn couches for cover and hide with their children in caves from a rumored invasion; and we understand the mix of frustration and triumph as a lone American teenager shoots down a Japanese bomber. Backed by a research team's five years of efforts with archives and interviews, producing nearly a million pages of documents, as well as a thorough reexamination of the original evidence produced by federal investigators, this definitive history provides a blow-by-blow account from both the Japanese and American perspectives and is a historical drama on the greatest scale. Nelson delivers all the terror, chaos, violence, tragedy, and heroism of the attack in stunning detail and offers surprising conclusions about the tragedy's unforeseen and resonant consequences.

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History as it should be written. Engrossing, it moves along quickly but was obviously researched thoroughly. The principle "characters" are thoroughly brought to life, both American and Japanese, and the inevitable stumbling to war is shown for the tragic event that it was. This book stands to be the definitive book on Pearl Harbor, and it is a pleasure to read

This book goes into great detail regarding the battle of pearl harbor. After this detailed description the author attempts to cover the rest of the war in the Pacific in extremely general terms. If you stop reading after the declaration of war or even the Doolittle raid you won't miss much.

A great read, and it added details and info on the attack that I (and probably many others) had previously been completely unaware of. It was certainly a LOT more than some ships getting torpedoed and bombed.

A truly wonderful book, in-depth study of everything that happened before, during and after the assault. A researcher's dream.

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Personal stories from survivors make this work of history come alive. The damage done was profound and well beyond the Harbor. After 75 years the horror and destruction shattering, jarring that Sunday morning impressed me in heartbreaking reality. This while "diplomats" from Japan met in Washington. Astounding by any measure.

Really adds to the story of how the USA entered the war. Everything you were not taught in school.

Great read, very in-depth analysis. Loved it.

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