

# The Greatest Generation

**The Greatest Generation**-Tom Brokaw 2000-02-23 The instant classic that changed the way we saw World War II and an entire generation of Americans, from the beloved journalist whose own iconic career has lasted more than fifty years. In this magnificent testament to a nation and her people, Tom Brokaw brings to life the extraordinary stories of a generation that gave new meaning to courage, sacrifice, and honor. From military heroes to community leaders to ordinary citizens, he profiles men and women who served their country with valor, then came home and transformed it: Senator Daniel Inouye, decorated at the front, fighting prejudice at home; Martha Settle Putney, one of the first black women to serve in the newly formed WACs; Charles Van Gorder, a doctor who set up a MASH-like medical facility in the middle of battle, then opened a small clinic in his hometown; Navy pilot and future president George H. W. Bush, assigned to read the mail of the enlisted men under him, who says that in doing so he “learned about life”; and many other laudable Americans. To this generation that gave so much and asked so little, Brokaw offers eloquent tribute in true stories of everyday heroes in extraordinary times. Praise for *The Greatest Generation* “Moving . . . a tribute to the members of the World War II generation to whom we Americans and the world owe so much.”—*The New York Times Book Review* “Full of wonderful, wrenching tales of a generation of heroes. Tom Brokaw reminds us what we are capable of as a people. An inspiring read for those who wish their spirits lifted.”—Colin L. Powell “Offers welcome inspiration . . . It is impossible to read even a few of these accounts and not be touched by the book’s overarching message: We who followed this generation have lived in the midst of greatness.”—*The Washington Times* “Entirely compelling.”—*The Wall Street Journal*

**The Greatest Generation**-Tom Brokaw 2004 Focuses on the generation of Americans who were born in the 1920s, came of age during the Depression, fought in World War II, and came home to build a new America during the postwar era.

**The Greatest Generation Speaks**-Tom Brokaw 2005 Brokaw wrote the bestselling “*The Greatest Generation*” and now the subjects have written back. This book of letters and reflections allows members of the World War II generation and their families to speak for themselves.

**Myth and the Greatest Generation**-Kenneth Rose 2013-05-13 *Myth and the Greatest Generation* calls into question the glowing paradigm of the World War II generation set up by such books as *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw. Including analysis of news reports, memoirs, novels, films and other cultural artefacts Ken Rose shows the war was much more disruptive to the lives of Americans in the military and on the home front during

World War II than is generally acknowledged. Issues of racial, labor unrest, juvenile delinquency, and marital infidelity were rampant, and the black market flourished. This book delves into both personal and national issues, calling into questions the dominant view of World War II as 'The Good War'.

**The Greatest Generation Speaks**-Tom Brokaw 2000-03-08 NEW YORK TIMES

**BESTSELLER** • A heartwarming gift for the holidays—a powerful selection of the letters Tom Brokaw received in response to his towering #1 bestseller *The Greatest Generation*. “When I wrote about the men and women who came out of the Depression, who won great victories and made lasting sacrifices in World War II and then returned home to begin building the world we have today—the people I called the Greatest Generation—it was my way of saying thank you. But I was not prepared for the avalanche of letters and responses touched off by that book. I had written a book about America, and now America was writing back.”—Tom Brokaw In the phenomenal bestseller *The Greatest Generation*, Tom Brokaw paid affecting tribute to those who gave the world so much—and who left an enduring legacy of courage and conviction. *The Greatest Generation Speaks* collects the vast outpouring of letters Brokaw received from men and women eager to share their intensely personal stories of a momentous time in America’s history. Some letters tell of the front during the war, others recall loved ones in harm’s way in distant places. They offer first-hand accounts of battles, poignant reflections on loneliness, exuberant expressions of love, and somber feelings of loss. As Brokaw notes, “If we are to heed the past to prepare for the future, we should listen to these quiet voices of a generation that speaks to us of duty and honor, sacrifice and accomplishment. I hope more of their stories will be preserved and cherished as reminders of all that we owe them and all that we can learn from them.”

**The Lucky Few**-Elwood Carlson 2008-06-19 Born during the Great Depression and World War Two (1929-1945) an entire generation has slipped between the cracks of history. These Lucky Few became the first American generation smaller than the one before them, and the luckiest generation of Americans ever. As children they experienced the most stable intact parental families in the nation’s history. Lucky Few women married earlier than any other generation of the century and helped give birth to the Baby Boom, yet also gained in education compared to earlier generations. Lucky Few men made the greatest gains of the century in schooling, earned veterans benefits like the Greatest Generation but served mostly in peacetime with only a fraction of the casualties, came closest to full employment, and spearheaded the trend toward earlier retirement. Even in retirement/old age the Lucky Few remain in the right place at the right time. Here is their story, and the story of how they have affected other recent generations of Americans before and since.

**An Album of Memories**-Tom Brokaw 2002-04 Celebrates the "greatest generation" of Americans, from the Great Depression to the Bataan Death March and beyond, in a series of biographical profiles that chronicle the experiences of ordinary Americans who became caught up in historic twentieth-century events.

**Letters from the Greatest Generation**-Howard H. Peckham 2016-10-03 A collection of personal letters from overseas that reveal in day-to-day detail what it was like to serve in World War II. Recounting victory and defeat, love and loss, this is a remarkable and frank collection of World War II letters penned by American men and women serving overseas. Here, the hopes and dreams of the greatest generation fill each page, and their voices ring loud and clear. "It's all part of the game but it's bloody and rough," writes one soldier to his wife. "Wearing two stripes now and as proud as an old cat with five kittens," remarks another. Yet, as many countries rejoiced on V-E Day, this book reveals that soldiers were "too tired and sad to celebrate." Filled with the everyday thoughts of these fighters, the letters are by turns heartbreaking and amusing, revealing and frightening. While visiting a German concentration camp, one man wrote, "I don't like Army life but I'm glad we are here to stop these atrocities." Meanwhile, in another letter a soldier quips, "I know lice don't crawl so I figured they were fleas." A fitting tribute to all veterans, this book brings the experience of war—its dramatic horrors, its dreary hardships, its desperate hope for a better future—to vivid life. "An intimate portrait of the mundane and remarkable, of heroism and terror, of friendship and loss . . . Timely, compelling, and important reading."—Matthew L. Basso, author of *Men at Work*

**The Greatest Generation Comes Home**-Michael D. Gambone 2005-10-18 At the conclusion of World War II, Americans anxiously contemplated the return to peace. It was an uncertain time, filled with concerns about demobilization, inflation, strikes, and the return of a second Great Depression. Balanced against these challenges was the hope in a future of unparalleled opportunities for a generation raised in hard times and war. One of the remarkable untold stories of postwar America is the successful assimilation of sixteen million veterans back into civilian society after 1945. The G.I. generation returned home filled with the same sense of fear and hope as most citizens at the time. Their transition from conflict to normalcy is one of the greatest chapters in American history. *The Greatest Generation Comes Home* combines military and social history into a comprehensive narrative of the veteran's experience after World War II. It integrates early impressions of home in 1945 with later stories of medical recovery, education, work, politics, and entertainment, as well as moving accounts of the dislocation, alienation, and discomfort many faced. The book includes the experiences of not only the millions of veterans drawn from mainstream white America, but also the women, African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans who served the nation. Perhaps most important, the book also examines the legacy bequeathed by these veterans to later generations who served in uniform on new battlefields around the world.

**Child of the Greatest Generation**-Richard C. Rocha 2020-02-11 *Child of the Greatest Generation*. The country had just gone to war with Japan, and a new patriot is born in the small coastal town of New Bedford, Massachusetts. The date is January 20, 1942. Sit down and enjoy the memories of growing up as a child of the greatest generation, who, as a young boy, came to understand what patriotism and love of country meant to him. As the years go by, take a journey with him and how he discovered a gift to write patriotic stories of paintings and photos that are found throughout the book mixed in with his memories, such as "Just an Old Piece of Cloth," "Woman Warrior," "The Eagle" to name but a few and each

with the photo or painting that inspired him. A book worth reading and sharing with friends and family.

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**Reagan's "Boys" and the Children of the Greatest Generation**-Jonathan M. Bullinger 2019-10-10 During the 1980s and 1990s, aging Baby Boomer parents constructed a particular type of memory as they attempted to laud their own parents' wartime accomplishments with the label "The Greatest Generation." This book is the first to tell the entire story of this particular type of U.S. World War II memory begun by U.S. President Ronald Reagan in 1984, and promoted the same year by newscaster Tom Brokaw. The story continues in 1994, when it was given academic credence by historian Stephen E. Ambrose, a sensory realism and ideal American character by director Steven Spielberg and actor Tom Hanks, sloganized by Tom Brokaw in 1998, and later interpreted in light of 9/11 and new wars.

**There Is a Generation**-W. H. Buzzard 2015-01-03 This story is "laugh-out-loud funny" as told by a "master story teller," expressed the book's editor, whose credits include lecturer, instructor and author of 14 novels, in her summation of *There is a Generation*. In 1950s Midland, Texas, best friends Tim and Hect are enjoying the high life. Coddled in the type of lifestyle that allows them to play "war" with .22 caliber semiautomatic rifles, they suddenly find their world turned upside down when their game of random shooting turns into a ghastly murder, or so they are convinced. Hect has the idea to set fire to an old shack in an abandoned junkyard for a final thrill after a day of mischief. Tim readily agrees, though he thinks his friend's target is a wasp nest in a mesquite bush, not the shack. They fill a beer bottle with fuel from a wrecked truck and hurl the Molotov cocktail at a shack, which erupts into a fireball. Stunned that his friend chose to set fire to the empty office, instead of a wasp

nest, Tim gapes in horror at the sight of a blazing figure who appears in the tiny hut's window. The human torch and a shocked Tim gaze at each other a brief instant, the memory of which lasts forever in the boy's mind. Interrupted by the sound of shrill sirens coming from town, and believing their prank will land them in prison, if not death row, Tim and Hect think their only choice lies in being fugitives from the law. Armed only with dogged determination and a forehead-slapping sense of naivety, the two boys flee out into the harsh Texas desert. Because of their spoiled rotten lifestyles they've lived so far, the two softies couldn't be less prepared to face hunger, thirst, life on the road, homelessness and a hidden world of poverty and slums, plus the mean streets of a third world country. In their travels through wilderness and city ghettos, Tim and Hect fall into adventures and troubles beyond their wildest imagination. Added to that, they must avoid dangers such as being pursued by a ferocious 125 pound dog named Mauler. Half-chow, half-Irish Setter and the spitting image of a lion, the dog chases the two through open desert with the intent of feasting on a double-brat burger. From scam artists to wisecracking motel owners to escaped convicts and frenzied mercenaries, the friends stumble from West Texas to New Mexico to Old Mexico in a tongue-in-cheek romp that will take readers through ranges of emotion from teary-eyed to laughter. Along the way, they meet such one-of-a-kind characters as Fast-One, a slum lord and work-cafe owner who ought to meet lynchmob justice because of the cruel practical jokes she pulls; to a cowboy and his wife, Eli, and Snowball, who run a diner and allow Tim as dishwasher to eat all the scraps he wants for a salary; to a trucker named T.J. and his beautiful-but-scheming daughter, Becca, who run a scam they have proudly called the "Poison Log Routine." And many more oddball-but-lovable characters. A biting satire on societal excess and privilege that makes fun of the 1950s and the kids of "The Greatest Generation," the action/adventure novel, *There is a Generation* expertly reflects the wildness of boyhood, the idiocy of entitlement, and the fleeting nature of childhood in a way that will entice audiences of all ages. From beginning to end, the fiction novel is a fun romp through lots of adventure and comedic situations with a surprise ending that few, if any, will see coming. A sequel is due to be published in the fall of 2015, *There is a Generation II*. If you want advance notice on the exact date to read further adventures of Tim and Hect, send an email with the title "Sequel" to [whbuzzard@gmail.com](mailto:whbuzzard@gmail.com). Also, any comments or critiques will be welcomed.

**I Was a Spectator in the Greatest Generation**-H. Lloyd Wilkerson, Major General, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.) Doctor of Laws (Hon.) 2020-05-21 I Was a Spectator in the Greatest Generation By: H. Lloyd Wilkerson The 20th Century took H. Lloyd Wilkerson from rural Obion County, TN to the Pacific in WWII and service with some of the greatest military leaders of his time. Prior to his military service, Wilkerson attended Erskine College and completed his degree during the war. Pearl Harbor was a turning point for Wilkerson. He rushed to the Marine Corps Recruiting station on December 8, 1941 to enlist. His first assignment after boot camp was orderly-driver for Colonel James W. Webb, CO 7th Marines. Their first overseas deployment was British Samoa. At Guadalcanal Wilkerson became a rifleman under the notorious LtCol "Chesty" Puller. When Marines departed Guadalcanal, Wilkerson was hospitalized in Melbourne for Malaria contracted at Guadalcanal. He was returned to the States for hospitalization. In Pocatello, ID he completed his college degree and met his future wife. Prior to graduation from OCS at Quantico, VA in 1945, Lloyd was in the Marine unit that escorted by train the remains of President Roosevelt to Hyde Park for

burial. Second Lieutenant Wilkerson participated under command of MGen Lemuel C. Shepard Jr. the Japanese surrender in North China. Returning to the States, he welcomed his first son and became a Freemason. In the Korean War in 1950-1 Wilkerson served in the 5th Marines commanded by Colonel Raymond Murray. They defended the Pusan Perimeter, attacked Inchon and invaded North Korea. In the Vietnam War Wilkerson commanded the 1st Marines and subsequently served as G-3 of III MAF. Major career assignments included G-2/G-3 Advisor to Korean Marine Corps; Assistant Professor, Duke University; Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, 3rd Marine Division and III MAF on Okinawa. Lloyd retired as a Major General in 1978.

**From the Great Migration to the Greatest Generation**-Wayne Blanchard 2013 "From the Great Migration to the Greatest Generation provides biographical sketches of the Blanchard men who share the same y-DNA profile as George Blanchard, and the women who share the mtDNA sequence of Norma Ordway. Both were part of the 'Greatest Generation' who survived World War II and their ancestry can be traced to the Great Migration of English immigrants who created New England in the 1630's" -- Back cover.

**The Greater Generation**-Leonard Steinhorn 2007-04-01 The Greatest Generation gets credit for winning World War II and braving the Depression. But the Baby Boomers? All they get credit for is knowing how to order a tall skim double latte. What really is the true legacy of the Boomers? Summoning the amazing sea changes they've made in American culture, this controversial book recasts the much-maligned Boomers as a Greater Generation with a lasting legacy of tolerance and equality for all. Farewell, Donna Reed: "For women, the Baby Boom era has been one of breathtaking change—in a single generation American women have effected one of the greatest social metamorphoses in recorded history. What women are able to do today would have been unimaginable four or five decades ago, at best the stuff of utopian fantasy or science fiction." Not Only Women: "The egalitarian norms of the Baby Boom have deeply changed men and will continue to do so for generations to come." Diversity as a Moral Value: For too long, America denied blacks, gays, and other minorities their dignity and rights, but in the Boomer era we have enlarged the melting pot to include those once scorned and excluded. Boomers have led a culture war "to upend the rigid social structure of the Fifties and challenge centuries of entrenched norms and attitudes about race, ethnicity, religion, and sexuality." The Greening of America: Under Boomers, environmental protection has become a powerful new norm in American society. No longer do we tolerate toxic run-offs and progress at any cost. A Freer, More Open Society: Personal freedom, tolerance, openness, transparency, and equality—these are the values of the Baby Boom era, and we live them daily at home, work, school, and in our many relationships. The old ways—the prejudice, narrowmindedness, restrictive sex roles, smoke-filled rooms, double standards, rigid hierarchies—are going, going, gone thanks to Baby Boomers. The media have it wrong: You don't need to fight a war to be a great generation. America today is far more open, inclusive, and equal than at any time in our history, and Boomers are the foot soldiers who made it happen. The Greater Generation tells their remarkable story. "The Greater Generation is a timely, passionate defense of the Baby Boom generation. . . . Leonard Steinhorn reminds us of the essential liberal spirit that defined the Boomers and how they changed our country for the better. In doing so, he illuminates the critical issues

that continue to challenge them and their children." —Joe Conason, bestselling author of *Big Lies* and *The Hunting of the President* "The Baby Boom generation changed the heart and soul of America. Leonard Steinhorn's *The Greater Generation* shows us how much better off we all are as a result." —Richard Florida, author of *The Rise of the Creative Class* "Steinhorn has written a smart and inspirational book that will be a boost to all Boomers, and will show their children why Mom and Dad know best." —Iris Krasnow, author of *Surrendering to Marriage* "In contrast to their parents' idealized standing as the 'greatest generation,' Boomers have been gamely diminished as the 'worst generation.' And this book shouts ENOUGH!" —Brent Green, author of *Marketing to Leading-Edge Baby Boomers*

### **WWII the Greatest Generation's Book of Blue Humor Uncensored & Unabridged-**

Dan D. O'Tool 2009-09-01 This book is an authentic compendium of poems, stories, one-liners, and anecdotes circulated throughout the World War II period by the men and women in the armed services as well as those in the factories and support services of the greatest war machine ever built. This raucous humor is especially poignant in its representation of a nation's young finding levity in their most basic needs, displacing themselves from the reality of death. Each joke, story, witticism, poem, or amusement has been associated with a bonafide United States war poster of the day, reflecting its comparative humor. In honoring the Greatest Generation for their sacrifices, these works are a testament to their dignity; that when faced with their own mortality, they still could laugh.

**Soldier from the War Returning-**Thomas Childers 2009 Intimate portraits of three families whose lives were adversely affected by World War II challenges popular misconceptions that the war's soldiers returned healthy and convinced that their service was in the world's best interest, in a revisionist account that reveals how veterans struggled with such debilitating challenges as PTSD, substance abuse, unemployment, and homelessness.

**The Greatest Generation-**Tom Brokaw 2013

**War Bonds-**Cindy Hval 2015-02-10 A look at love during World War II that "celebrates not only the personal sacrifices these couples made to serve their country, but also their devotion to one another" (San Francisco Book Review). America's World War II is most often told through the stories of its great battles, when an entire generation of our young men was suddenly thrust across the oceans to represent the New World in deadly combat against the great powers of the Old. On sea, in the air, and on land our boys fought against totalitarian powers that threatened to overturn the American ideal of liberty for every individual, even civilization itself. But while often forgotten, America's women participated too. On the home front they were more than willing to share in the hardships of wartime, and in countless cases they fairly lived and breathed with support for our troops overseas. Whether working in factories or taking care of families, rationing or volunteering, their unflagging support contributed more to our victories than has ever been told. Young people have been falling in love since time began, but romance during a global conflagration

brought a unique set of challenges. The uncertainty of the time led to an abundance of couples marrying quickly, after brief courtships. Others grew closer through intermittent correspondence, in which the soldier was often censored by officers, yet true longing from both sides invariably came through. It was the worst time of all to try to have a relationship, yet amazingly, thousands of couples created lifelong bonds. From blind dates to whirlwind romances to long separations, *War Bonds* highlights stories of couples who met or married during WWII. Each of the thirty stories begins with a World War II-era song title and concludes with a look at wartime couples in their twilight, as well as when they were so hopeful and young and determined to save the world. Illustrated with photographs from the 1940s as well as current ones of each couple, *War Bonds* offers readers a glimpse of bygone days, as well as a poignant glimpse of our own. During history's greatest war it was no time to start a relationship. But many among our young men and women did so regardless, and in this book we see how amazingly the "war bonds" of that World War II generation so frequently endured.

**Generations**-Neil Howe 1992-09-30 Hailed by national leaders as politically diverse as former Vice President Al Gore and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, *Generations* has been heralded by reviewers as a brilliant, if somewhat unsettling, reassessment of where America is heading. William Strauss and Neil Howe posit the history of America as a succession of generational biographies, beginning in 1584 and encompassing every-one through the children of today. Their bold theory is that each generation belongs to one of four types, and that these types repeat sequentially in a fixed pattern. The vision of *Generations* allows us to plot a recurring cycle in American history -- a cycle of spiritual awakenings and secular crises -- from the founding colonists through the present day and well into this millenium. *Generations* is at once a refreshing historical narrative and a thrilling intuitive leap that reorders not only our history books but also our expectations for the twenty-first century.

**Infamy**-Richard Reeves 2015-04-21 A LOS ANGELES TIMES BESTSELLER • A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW EDITOR'S CHOICE • Bestselling author Richard Reeves provides an authoritative account of the internment of more than 120,000 Japanese-Americans and Japanese aliens during World War II Less than three months after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and inflamed the nation, President Roosevelt signed an executive order declaring parts of four western states to be a war zone operating under military rule. The U.S. Army immediately began rounding up thousands of Japanese-Americans, sometimes giving them less than 24 hours to vacate their houses and farms. For the rest of the war, these victims of war hysteria were imprisoned in primitive camps. In *Infamy*, the story of this appalling chapter in American history is told more powerfully than ever before. Acclaimed historian Richard Reeves has interviewed survivors, read numerous private letters and memoirs, and combed through archives to deliver a sweeping narrative of this atrocity. Men we usually consider heroes-FDR, Earl Warren, Edward R. Murrow-were in this case villains, but we also learn of many Americans who took great risks to defend the rights of the internees. Most especially, we hear the poignant stories of those who spent years in "war relocation camps," many of whom suffered this terrible injustice with remarkable grace. Racism, greed, xenophobia, and a thirst for revenge: a dark strand in the American character underlies this



story of one of the most shameful episodes in our history. But by recovering the past, Infamy has given voice to those who ultimately helped the nation better understand the true meaning of patriotism.

**The Greatest Generation Grows Up**-Kriste Lindenmeyer 2007-03 Kriste Lindenmeyer shows that the experiences of depression-era children help us understand the course of the 1930s as well as the history of American childhood. For the first time, she notes, federal policy extended childhood dependence through the teen years while cultural changes reinforced this ideal of modern childhood. In all, the thirties experience worked to confer greater identity on American children, and Ms. Lindenmeyer's story provides essential background for understanding the legacy of those men and women whom Tom Brokaw has called "America's greatest generation."

**The Time of Our Lives**-Tom Brokaw 2012-09-04 The NBC news anchor and former White House correspondent evaluates the American dream of the past, present and future as experienced by four generations of his and other families. By the best-selling author of *Boom!*. Reprint. 100,000 first printing.

**Boom!**-Tom Brokaw 2008 Redefines the tumultuous 1960s, a decade that saw the rise of the rebellious children of the greatest generation, to reveal how American social, political, economic, and cultural institutions were transformed by an era of dramatic change.

**The Best War Ever**-Michael C. C. Adams 2015-05-15 Was World War II really such a "good war"? Popular memory insists that it was, in fact, "the best war ever." After all, we knew who the enemy was, and we understood what we were fighting for. The war was good for the economy. It was liberating for women. A battle of tanks and airplanes, it was a "cleaner" war than World War I. Although we did not seek the conflict—or so we believed—Americans nevertheless rallied in support of the war effort, and the nation's soldiers, all twelve million of them, were proud to fight. But according to historian Michael C. C. Adams, our memory of the war era as a golden age is distorted. It has left us with a misleading—even dangerous—legacy, one enhanced by the nostalgia-tinged retrospectives of Stephen E. Ambrose and Tom Brokaw. Disputing many of our common assumptions about the period, Adams argues in *The Best War Ever* that our celebratory experience of World War II is marred by darker and more sordid realities. In the book, originally published in 1994, Adams challenges stereotypes to present a view of World War II that avoids the simplistic extremes of both glorification and vilification. *The Best War Ever* charts the complex diplomatic problems of the 1930s and reveals the realities of ground combat: no moral triumph, it was in truth a brutal slog across a blasted landscape. Adams also exposes the myth that the home front was fully united behind the war effort, demonstrating how class, race, gender, and age divisions split Americans. Meanwhile, in Europe and Asia, shell-shocked soldiers grappled with emotional and physical trauma, rigorously enforced segregation, and rampant venereal disease. In preparing this must-read new edition, Adams has consulted some seventy additional sources on topics as varied as the origins of Social

Security and a national health system, the Allied strategic bombing campaign, and the relationship of traumatic brain injuries to the adjustment problems of veterans. The revised book also incorporates substantial developments that have occurred in our understanding of the course and character of the war, particularly in terms of the human consequences of fighting. In a new chapter, "The Life Cycle of a Myth," Adams charts image-making about the war from its inception to the present. He contrasts it with modern-day rhetoric surrounding the War on Terror, while analyzing the real-world consequences that result from distorting the past, including the dangerous idea that only through (perpetual) military conflict can we achieve lasting peace.

**Our Fathers' War**-Tom Mathews 2005-05-10 A powerful and unique portrait of generational strife and changing styles of masculinity as seen through the stories of ten World War II veterans and their baby boomer sons. It is fair to say that Tom Mathews's relations with his father, a veteran of World War II's fabled 10th Mountain Division, were terrible. He came back from the war to a young son he'd barely met and proceeded to bully and browbeat him—for his own good, he thought. In the course of puzzling out almost fifty years of intermittent conflict, Mathews came to understand that their problems were not simply personal, they were generational—and widely shared by millions of other baby boomer sons. And so, to write this powerful book, which traces the kinetic effect of the war on the men who fought it, their sons, and their grandsons, Mathews has uncovered nine other dramatic and telling father-son tales of veterans in some ways missing in action and how internal war wounds shaped their lives as fathers. These include a combat infantryman whose life was saved by the fabled Audie Murphy, and a black member of the storied Tuskegee Airmen corps. In a moving final chapter, he and his father return together to Italy to revisit scenes from the war—and attempt, at long last, to forge their own separate peace. In a very real sense, *Our Fathers' War* tells the secret history of World War II and its echoes down the years and generations. In the course of doing so, it offers a portrait of evolving styles of American manhood that many, many fathers and sons have been needing and awaiting.

**The Fight for the Four Freedoms**-Harvey J. Kaye 2014-04-08 Revisits Franklin D. Roosevelt's "four freedoms for all Americans," the most significant legacy of America's most progressive generation, and stresses the importance of honoring these freedoms today.

**Warfare State**-James T. Sparrow 2011-05-01 Although common wisdom and much scholarship assume that "big government" gained its foothold in the United States under the auspices of the New Deal during the Great Depression, in fact it was the Second World War that accomplished this feat. Indeed, as the federal government mobilized for war it grew tenfold, quickly dwarfing the New Deal's welfare programs. *Warfare State* shows how the federal government vastly expanded its influence over American society during World War II. Equally important, it looks at how and why Americans adapted to this expansion of authority. Through mass participation in military service, war work, rationing, price control, income taxation, and the war bond program, ordinary Americans learned to live with the warfare state. They accepted these new obligations because the government encouraged all

citizens to think of themselves as personally connected to the battle front, linking their every action to the fate of the combat soldier. As they worked for the American Soldier, Americans habituated themselves to the authority of the government. Citizens made their own counter-claims on the state-particularly in the case of industrial workers, women, African Americans, and most of all, the soldiers. Their demands for fuller citizenship offer important insights into the relationship between citizen morale, the uses of patriotism, and the legitimacy of the state in wartime. World War II forged a new bond between citizens, nation, and government. Warfare State tells the story of this dramatic transformation in American life.

**Stories of Elders**-Veronica Kirin 2018-09-05 Told in personal and profound accounts from 100 living members of the Greatest Generation, Stories of Elders shows how technology has changed our country since 1911. Logging nearly 12,000 miles in a journey across America that chronicles 8,352 years of life, Kirin's elders offer unique insight into the most transitional time in American history.

**Time: Absolute Victory**-Editors of Time Magazine 2005-09-06 More than two hundred photographs and archival journalistic accounts chronicle the final months of the Second World War when young Americans fought and accomplished victory on two separate fronts, in Europe and the Pacific. 75,000 first printing.

**A Generation of Sociopaths**-Bruce Cannon Gibney 2017-03-07 In his "remarkable" (Men's Journal) and "controversial" (Fortune) book -- written in a "wry, amusing style" (The Guardian) -- Bruce Cannon Gibney shows how America was hijacked by the Boomers, a generation whose reckless self-indulgence degraded the foundations of American prosperity. In A Generation of Sociopaths, Gibney examines the disastrous policies of the most powerful generation in modern history, showing how the Boomers ruthlessly enriched themselves at the expense of future generations. Acting without empathy, prudence, or respect for facts--acting, in other words, as sociopaths--the Boomers turned American dynamism into stagnation, inequality, and bipartisan fiasco. The Boomers have set a time bomb for the 2030s, when damage to Social Security, public finances, and the environment will become catastrophic and possibly irreversible--and when, not coincidentally, Boomers will be dying off. Gibney argues that younger generations have a fleeting window to hold the Boomers accountable and begin restoring America.

**Fathers of the Greatest Generation**-Jim Little 2012-06-13 Almost every account of the greatest battles of the Great War fails to give proper credit to two divisions of Americans who fought with the British for over six months in 1918. In late September of that year, the Twenty-seventh and Thirtieth divisions, American, were told to attack, penetrate, and hold the impregnable Hindenburg line--a feat at which the British and French forces had failed over four bloody years of trench warfare. The Americans were ready; the Germans were ready; this battle would hasten the end of the war. These same men had served on the U.S.-Mexican border in 1916 while General John Pershing pursued Pancho Villa in Mexico. They

were National Guardsmen who spent six months there and, upon their return home, were mustered into the National Army then sent to fight the Germans in France. They were hometown boys destined to fight one of the greatest battles of World War One and win it, only to see the credit taken by the British and Australians. They fought and died but their deeds were almost forgotten until now. They were The Fathers of the Greatest Generation.

**The Forgotten Generation**-Lisa L. Ossian 2011-05-23 Explores the effect of the challenges of World War II on American children and teenagers.

**The Great Boom 1950-2000**-Robert Sobel 2016-02-09 In *The Great Boom*, historian Robert Sobel tells the fascinating story of the last 50 years when American entrepreneurs, visionaries, and ordinary citizens transformed our depression and war-exhausted society into today's economic powerhouse. As America's G.I.s returned home from World War II, many of the nation's best minds predicted a new depression—yet exactly the opposite occurred. Jobs were plentiful in retooled factories swamped with orders from pent-up demand. Tens of thousands of families moved out of cities into affordable suburban homes built by William Levitt and his imitators. They bought cars, televisions, and air conditioners by the millions. And they took to the nation's roads and new interstate highways—the largest public works project in world history—where Kemmons Wilson of Holiday Inns, Ray Kroc of McDonalds, and other start-up entrepreneurs soon catered to a mobile populace with food and lodgings for leisure time vacationers. Americans and their families began to channel savings into new opportunities. Credit cards democratized purchasing power, while early mutual funds found growing numbers of investors to fuel the first postwar bull market in the go-go '60s. At the same time the continuing boom enriched the fabric of social and cultural life. A college education became a must on the highway to upward mobility; high-tech industries arose with astonishing new ways of conducting business electronically; and an unprecedented 49 million families had become investors when the 1981-2000 stock market boom reached 10,000 on the Dow. *The Great Boom* is the first major book to portray the great wave of homegrown entrepreneurs as post-war heroes in the complete remaking and revitalizing of America. All that, plus the creation of unprecedented wealth—or themselves, for the nation, for tens of millions of citizens—all in five short drama-filled decades.

**Lessons in Leadership from the Greatest**-Rod Gragg 2013-10-09 Inspirational anecdotes from exceptional Americans. Ten leadership lessons are taught here through the dramatic true stories of American men and women in World War II. From Dwight D. Eisenhower and Chester Nimitz to everyday Americans who rose to leadership during the world's greatest war, these stories reflect the core values of this remarkable generation. With these inspiring accounts, today's managers and leaders will learn essential leadership tactics, such as having a vision, being a self-starter, taking care of your people, and leading by example.

**The Greatest Generation as Reported in the Weekly Bastrop Advertiser during World War II**-Shudde Bess Bryson Fath 2010-12-27 Publisher Ed and Editor Amy Standifer

owned and operated the Bastrop Advertiser newspaper for a remarkable 47 years. During World War II, they encouraged submissions of letters and photos from persons in military service as well as from families on the home front and printed military news plus press releases. This compilation of 727 articles about 390 men and 5 women in military service is a microcosm of WWII; 34 of the men lost their lives and 8 became prisoners of war. For readers more interested in WWII history than in persons' names, we have bold-faced all words in the text that tell military news and happenings.

**The Boys of Everest**-Clint Willis 2017-03-15 •The exploits of mountaineering's most colorful band of adventurers The Boys of Everest by Clint Willis tells the gripping story of "Bonington's Boys," a band of climbers who reinvented mountaineering during the three decades after Everest's first ascent. It is a story of tremendous courage, astonishing achievement, and heartbreaking loss. Chris Bonington's inner circle included a dozen of mountaineering's most legendary figures—Don Whillans, John Harlin, Dougal Haston, Doug Scott, Peter Boardman, Joe Tasker, and others—who together gave birth to a new brand of climbing. They took increasingly challenging risks on now-legendary expeditions to the world's most fearsome peaks—and they paid an enormous price. Most of them died in the mountains, leaving behind the hardest question of all: was it worth it? "Willis's classy style turns reportage into literature . . . Bonington's Boys come across as raw, anguished souls . . . As Willis describes in his artful prose, their suffering is not just a means to an end (the summit), it is an end." -The New York Times "A gripping adventure saga . . ."-Publishers Weekly "A death-haunted saga of the scalers of heaven . . ." -Kirkus Reviews "Mr. Willis tells a story that is gripping and poignant and even appalling . . ." -The Wall Street Journal

**Bob Feller**-John Sickels 2005-06 Phenom, star pitcher, patriot, barnstormer, union man, crank, hero?

**Tribute to a Generation**-David F. Winkler 2020-11-15 Tribute to a Generation highlights the unappreciated yet pivotal role Ambassador F. Haydn Williams played in making the World War II Memorial in Washington what it is today. As a naval officer sent into Japan to repatriate Maj. Pappy Boyington and other POWs at the end of World War II, Williams became a rising star in the Eisenhower and Kennedy Administrations. He worked on behalf of the CIA to start a trans-Pacific think-tank, transforming it to a non-profit leader in Asian affairs, and served as an ambassador appointed to negotiate the status of Micronesia. Williams saw the recognition of the Greatest Generation as a final mission in life and leaned on a good friend, former Joint Chiefs Chairman Admiral Bill Crowe, to get an appointment to the American Battle Monuments Commission. Diplomat and taskmaster, Williams assembled a talented small group to select the site, complete the design, and work with award-winning architect Friedrich St. Florian and sculptor Ray Kaskey with the aid of such luminaries as Senator Bob Dole, FedEx Chair Fred Smith and actor Tom Hanks to overcome strong opposition to completing the memorial.



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