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in a new edition featuring a new preface a world of arms remains a classic of global history widely hailed as a masterpiece this volume remains the first history of world war ii to provide a truly global account of the war that encompassed six continents starting with the changes that restructured europe and its colonies following the first world war gerhard weinberg sheds new light on every aspect of world war ii actions of the axis the allies and the neutrals are covered in every theater of the war more importantly the global nature of the war is examined with new insights into how events in one corner of the world helped affect events in often distant areas

this fifth edition incorporates material from the vast array of new literature along with suggestions from readers this new edition places greater emphasis on the ideological aspects of the german war against the soviet union including the notorious commissar order as well as the complicity of the wehrmacht in nazi atrocities on the eastern front it also pays more attention to stalin s initial failure to react to the invasion and the soviet murder of german prisoners there is increased coverage of the holocaust including a consideration of the reasons why the western allies were not able to intercede in behalf of the european jews

world war two was the most devastating conflict in recorded human history it was both global in extent and total in character it has understandably left a long and dark shadow across the decades yet it is three generations since hostilities formally ended in 1945 and the conflict is now a lived memory for only a few and this growing distance in time has allowed historians to think differently about how to describe it how to explain its course and what subjects to focus on when considering the wartime experience for instance as world war two recedes ever further into the past even a question as apparently basic as when it began and ended becomes less certain was it 1939 when the war in europe began or the summer of 1941 with the beginning of hitler s war against the soviet union or did it become truly global only when the japanese brought the usa into the war at the end of 1941 and what of the long conflict in east asia beginning with the japanese

aggression in china in the early 1930s and only ending with the triumph of the chinese communists in 1949 in the oxford illustrated history of world war two a team of leading historians re assesses the conflict for a new generation exploring the course of the war not just in terms of the allied response but also from the viewpoint of the axis aggressor states under richard overy s expert editorial guidance the contributions take us from the genesis of war through the action in the major theatres of conflict by land sea and air to assessments of fighting power and military and technical innovation the economics of total war the culture and propaganda of war and the experience of war and genocide for both combatants and civilians concluding with an account of the transition from world war to cold war in the late 1940s together they provide a stimulating and thought provoking new interpretation of one of the most terrible and fascinating episodes in world history

a short history of world war ii is essentially a military history but it reaches from the peace settlements of world war i to the drastically altered postwar world of the late 1940 s lucidly written and eminently readable it is factual and accurate enough to satisfy professional historians a short history of world war ii will appeal equally to the general reader the veteran who fought in the war and the student interested in understanding the contemporary political world

a comprehensive review of world war ii that offers a global level analysis written for academics and students of history world war ii in global perspective 1931 1953 presents a dynamic and global account of the historical events prior to during and after world war ii the author a noted expert on the topic explores the main theaters of the war and discusses the connections between them he also examines the impact of the war on areas of the world that are often neglected in historical accounts including latin america sub saharan africa and the so called neutral countries this comprehensive text clearly shows how in the struggle against the axis powers the united states replaced britain as the global superpower the author discusses the japanese invasion of manchuria in 1931 and the korean war 1950 1953 and argues that the core years of the war 1939 1945 cannot be understood without considering the turbulent events that framed them the text

puts world war ii in context as a series of large regional conflicts that intersected and overlapped finally emerging as a genuine world war with the formal entry of the united states in late 1941 this vital text offers a comprehensive review of world war ii that frames it in a global context gives weight to the economic and political developments of the war provides a robust account of the main military campaigns contains illustrations and maps that themselves highlight little known aspects of the global war

in 1939 hitler went to war not just with great britain he also went to war with the whole of the british empire the greatest empire that there had ever been in the years since 1945 that empire has disappeared and the crucial fact that the british empire fought together as a whole during the war has been forgotten all the parts of the empire joined the struggle and were involved in it from the beginning undergoing huge changes and sometimes suffering great losses as a result the war in the desert the defence of malta and the malayan campaign and the contribution of the empire as a whole in terms of supplies communications and troops all reflect the strategic importance of britain s imperial status men and women not only from australia new zealand and india but from many parts of africa and the middle east all played their part winston churchill saw the war throughout in imperial terms the british empire and the second world war emphasises a central fact about the second world war that is often forgotten

the focus of this volume is not on the consequences but rather on the connection between the great war and the long 19th century the short and long term causes of world war i

from the back cover from the moment of its publication in 1961 a j p taylor s seminal work caused a storm of praise and controversy and it has since been recognized as a classic the first book ever to examine exclusively and in depth the causes of the second world war and to apportion the responsibility among allies and germans alike with crisp clear prose and brilliant analysis taylor established that the war far from being premeditated was a mistake the result on both sides of diplomatic blunders he argued that hitler was more an opportunist than an ideologue who owed his successes to great britain s and france s tacking between resistance and appeasement and to an american

policy akin to the significant episode of the dog in the night to which sherlock holmes once drew attention when watson objected but the dog did nothing in the night holmes answered that was the significant episode the times literary supplement called the origins of the second world war simple devastating superlatively readable and deeply disturbing and it remains so now a groundbreaking book of enduring importance

this first volume of the cambridge history of the first world war provides a comprehensive account of the war s military history an international team of leading historians chart how a war made possible by globalization and imperial expansion unfolded into catastrophe growing year by year in scale and destructive power far beyond what anyone had anticipated in 1914 adopting a global perspective the volume analyses the spatial impact of the war and the subsequent ripple effects that occurred both regionally and across the world it explores how imperial powers devoted vast reserves of manpower and material to their war efforts and how by doing so they changed the political landscape of the world order it also charts the moral political and legal implications of the changing character of war and in particular the collapse of the distinction between civilian and military targets

exploring the reasons why the second world war broke out in september 1939 and why a european conflict developed into a war that spanned the globe the origins of the second world war argues that this was not just hitler s war but one that had its roots and origins in the decline of the old empires of britain and france and the rise of ambitious new powers in germany italy and japan who wanted large empires of their own this fourth edition has been revised throughout covering the origins of the war from its background in the first world war to its expansion to embrace the soviet union japan and the united states by the end of 1941 creating a comprehensive and analytical narrative while remaining a succinct overview of the subject this book takes a thematic approach to the complex range of events that culminated in global warfare discussing factors such as economic rivalry rearmament and domestic politics and emphasising that any explanation of the outbreak of hostilities must be global in scope containing updated references and primary source documents alongside a glossary a chronology of key

events and a who s who of important figures this book is an invaluable introduction for any student of this fascinating period

after the unprecedented destruction of the great war the world longed for a lasting peace the victors however valued vengeance even more than stability and demanded a massive indemnity from germany in order to keep it from rearming the results as eminent historian norman stone describes in this authoritative history were disastrous in world war two stone provides a remarkably concise account of the deadliest war of human history showing how the conflict roared to life from the ashes of world war one adolf hitler rode a tide of popular desperation and resentment to power in germany promptly making good on his promise to return the nation to its former economic and military strength he bullied europe into giving him his way and in so doing backed the victors of the great war into a corner following the invasion of poland in 1939 britain and france declared war on germany a decision that stone argues was utterly irrational yet hitler had driven the world mad and the rekindling of european hostilities soon grew to a conflagration that spread across the globe fanned by political and racial ideologies more poisonous and weaponry more destructive than the world had ever seen with commanding expertise stone leads readers through the escalation climax and mournful denouement of this sprawling conflict world war two is an invaluable contribution to our understanding of the twentieth century and its defining struggle

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a definitive account of world war ii by america s preeminent military historian world war ii was the most lethal conflict in human history never before had a war been fought on so many diverse landscapes and in so many different ways from rocket attacks in london to jungle fighting in burma to armor strikes in libya the second world wars examines how combat unfolded in the air at sea and on land to show how distinct conflicts among disparate combatants coalesced into one interconnected global war drawing on 3 000 years of military history bestselling author victor davis hanson argues that despite its novel industrial barbarity neither the war s origins nor its geography were unusual nor was its ultimate outcome surprising the axis powers were well prepared to win limited

border conflicts but once they blundered into global war they had no hope of victory an authoritative new history of astonishing breadth the second world wars offers a stunning reinterpretation of history s deadliest conflict

world war one a concise history the great war the first world war was supposed to be the war that ended all wars hence the name the great war the great war was off to a bad start from the german perspective the plan was to fend off france and russia while focusing on the main purpose helping austria hungary deal with serbia the loss of life in the great war was immense scott s other books unforgettable world war ii aftermath of the extraordinary second world war unforgettable vietnam war the american war in vietnam war in the jungle hitler s war and the horrific account of the holocaust on the brink of nuclear war cuban missile crisis soviet union cuba and the united states the forgotten heroes untold stories of the extraordinary world war ii courage survival resistance and rescue the forgotten women heroes second world war untold stories the women heroes in the extraordinary world war two this is a first world war history book

merriam press world war 2 history no 24 first edition 2016 in the history of human existence no conflict has cratered the earth its people and their ways of living like world war ii the battles that blazed across the globe from the late 1930s until 1945 caused more than sixty million deaths almost every corner of society heard gunfire nations were destroyed others founded and some reconfigured philosophies of government were tested and frequently found lacking reputations were won and lost tyranny was commonplace some but not all tyrants were toppled for many decades now civilization has shuddered at the brutal impact of this war this writing aspires to present the tale of world war ii in a concise yet digestible fashion and to stimulate the reader to delve further into its history consider questions such as these when where and how did the combatants face the challenges of this brutal conflict who sided with whom why and what help did each participant furnish who evidenced courage and when did cowardice prevail where were the military successes and blunders were the techniques of war ethically appropriate how why and when did the fighting end what were the intended and unintended consequences of world war ii where did the loss of life strike hardest

what were the economic and social tolls and achievements what of lasting value has civilization gleaned from the conflict in addition to the what where and when of war it is appropriate to consider what forces and flaws contributed to the war s emergence the following may be found in almost any war but all were abundant in world war ii ambition for increased food supplies and natural resources hunger for territorial gains retribution for perceived wrongs expressions of nationalism critical alliances and failed compacts troubled economies expanding and contracting political power isolationism a contest between theories of government e g communism versus capitalism efforts to eradicate ethnic groups totalitarian regimes this book begins with a review of the events and circumstances that gave birth to the conflict then comes a discussion of the war s action in every significant theater of combat north africa europe the soviet union southeast asia the pacific islands and japan the history is presented not in conventional prose but in nuggets of information designed to provide substance without extended length in any book on world war ii the author faces a challenge should all events be presented in pure chronological order or is the material more comprehensible if divided in some logical way i have elected to separate the events of the war into two parts the european north african battlegrounds and the conflicts in the pacific theater while this approach has the disadvantage of bifurcating the time line of events hopefully it offers the advantage of an improved understanding of action in each major war locale the writing closes with a discussion of the human and economic costs of the conflict an evaluation of the intended and unintended consequences of world war ii and ethical questions the war has brought to the surface 19 photos 16 maps sources

this defining period in world history is explored and explained as never before world war ii is captured in hundreds of compelling images presenting the people places and politics involved in the epic conflict inside this complete visual guide is chronological coverage of the lead up to war major military battles around the globe and the aftermath that still influences and impacts our world today you II meet the key players in thought provoking profiles and discover their experiences firsthand from national leaders sounding the orders to combatants on the frontline and civilians left behind standout moments including pearl harbor hiroshima and the d day landings are revealed in rarely seen color

photographs and unforgettable eyewitness accounts explosive photography international maps accessible text and supporting timelines combine to show the most destructive event ever known in unprecedented depth and detail although the complexities of world war ii can be hard to fathom this standout reference is organized in a logical order and the supporting captions are concise and clear throughout to aid understanding world war ii provides an unparalleled account of this devastating conflict so we never forget and continue to learn from the past this title differs from dk s previous world war ii title in that it is a spread by spread account \square la history with previous and following tabs placing each spread in chronological context of the war rather than a narrative that needs to be read from start to finish

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