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D-Day was the culmination of four years of planning and preparation that began in the summer of 1940 when Britain stood alone and under imminent threat of German cross-Channel invasion. Charles Messenger's vivid study of the landings and subsequent campaign chronicles the gradual evolution of the invasion plan, encompassing the intelligence efforts, the Anglo-US strategic debate over where the Allies should attack, and the elaborate deception put in place to fool the Germans about the true D-Day objective. The build-up culminates in a day-by-day account of the landings by sea and by air on the beaches of Normandy—Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword—and the ensuing grim struggle for six weeks to break through the German defenses.

At the heart of this fascinating re-creation of the D-Day campaign are seventy-one maps in full color, which incorporate the latest computer technology. Many are in fact based on the very same maps used by the Allies in 1944. Specially commissioned reconstruction drawings and 82 contemporary photographs help bring the beaches of Normandy to life.

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Clark Hanlon says

A intricate book on all the troop movements from d-day

Jim Gallen says

“The D-Day Atlas” tells the story of the D-Day landings and follow-up battles in words and pictures. The maps are numerous, colorful and informative. They show the locations and movements of the various units without the distracting terrain lines found on some other maps. The photos add a sense of realism while the drawings of the ships, planes and tanks provide the engineer’s perspective of the equipment.

Do not let the visual effects overshadow the narrative of the battles. Author Charles Messenger explains the development of the war that set the stage for Overlord. He introduces us to the men, on both sides, who fought it and leads us onto the beaches, into the bocage and through the breakouts. The story did not end there so neither did the book. It completes the tale with the disputes over an Allied land commander, the controversy over the closing of the Falaise Pocket and Operation Market Garden (A Bridge Too Far).

“The D-Day Atlas” is an invaluable aid to anyone seeking an understanding of Overlord and its aftermath.

I did receive this in a Goodreads Giveaway. The review was optional.

Felicia Glaser says

I bought this book to go along with the historical-work by John Keegan, Six Armies in Normandy, and to help make sense of all the towns and geography! :) It includes many various maps and photos.

Roaldeuller says

I'll be brief: If you have read, are in the process of reading, or are planning to read any book on the Normandy Invasion, this is an essential companion. For example, Overlord (Max Hastings, very good maps), Decision at Normandy (Carlo D'Este, decent maps, but not enough of them), Six Armies at Normandy (John Keegan, mediocre maps). Or anything else for that matter. Five stars. [note: I own and reviewed the earlier edition of this book - but the superb maps remain the same]

Michael Kochuga says

This an excellent, detailed, and very accurate depiction of the fateful day proclaimed in the title. The maps are wonderfully insightful if a little seriously drawn. Everything about this book is entoxicating to any history buff and may turn a few waffling minds over to the history literature side.

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Sarah Martin says

This book was highly detailed, but easy to understand and absorb. Once I was done with it I passed it to my father to enjoy. And I know he definitely enjoyed it quite a bit. We both share an interest in american history. It was very entertaining, engaging, and informative.

Jim Blessing says

Sue Ann and I visited Normandy last year and saw many of the sites shown in the landing beaches. This book had very detailed maps, which added to its enjoyment.

Patrick Kitchell says

This isn't a book you read! This is a book you love. It has tons of maps that you can study and being a map person it is a joy to see so many maps in one book. I have also been to the beach fronts and we took this book with us to understand the distances that troops moved, to see the beach front set ups and what not. If you like WW2 in the European Theatre and you want to feel closer to Dday then this book is for you to buy and sift through. I have owned the book for a few years and it is used atleast 1 month either by kids or me.
