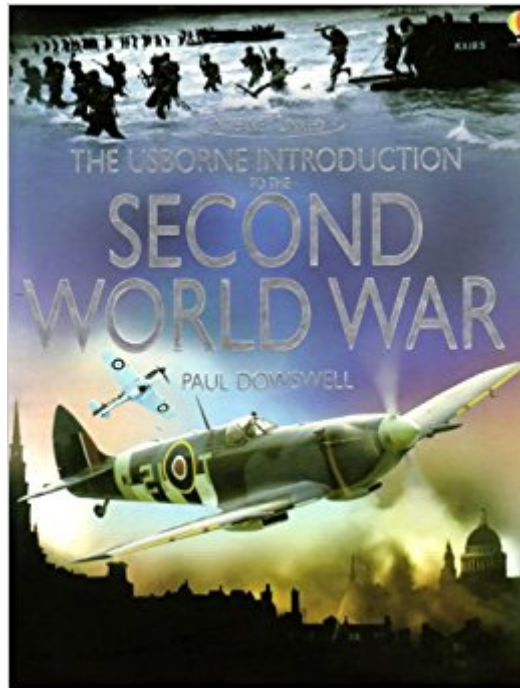


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This is an outstanding book for the younger history buff - the author provides an excellent historical narrative regarding the events leading up to the Second World War, the actual war itself, and some of the aftermath of the war. This book stands alone from the majority of the books written about this period in history in that it is informative but, written so has to not be too gory for younger readers. The color maps provide an excellent visual for the younger reader - maps are clearly marked and presented in a way that a younger reader without map reading experience can clearly see where the various forces of World War II were positioned and the movement during the war. Especially good, in this reviewer's opinion, is the breakdown of sections and chapters - again the author had the younger reader in mind. Author first provides a visual map of the war then begins examining the factors from the first World War that lead to the rise in power of forces that became so dominate in

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This is an excellent book for someone who wants the big picture without a lot of extra detail (as is in Winston Churchill's books). The photos and pictures are excellent and the interest level is very high. The way topics are presented helps one to see the big picture. There are many small tidbits of information that are not usually given in books on this topic.

The book begins with a wonderful explanation of how the First World War was connected to the Second World War. The writing is clear and challenging enough that the young reader learns vocabulary and terms without being overly difficult.

My teenage son loves the book. He is turning into a history buff, and really enjoys the information the book contains.

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