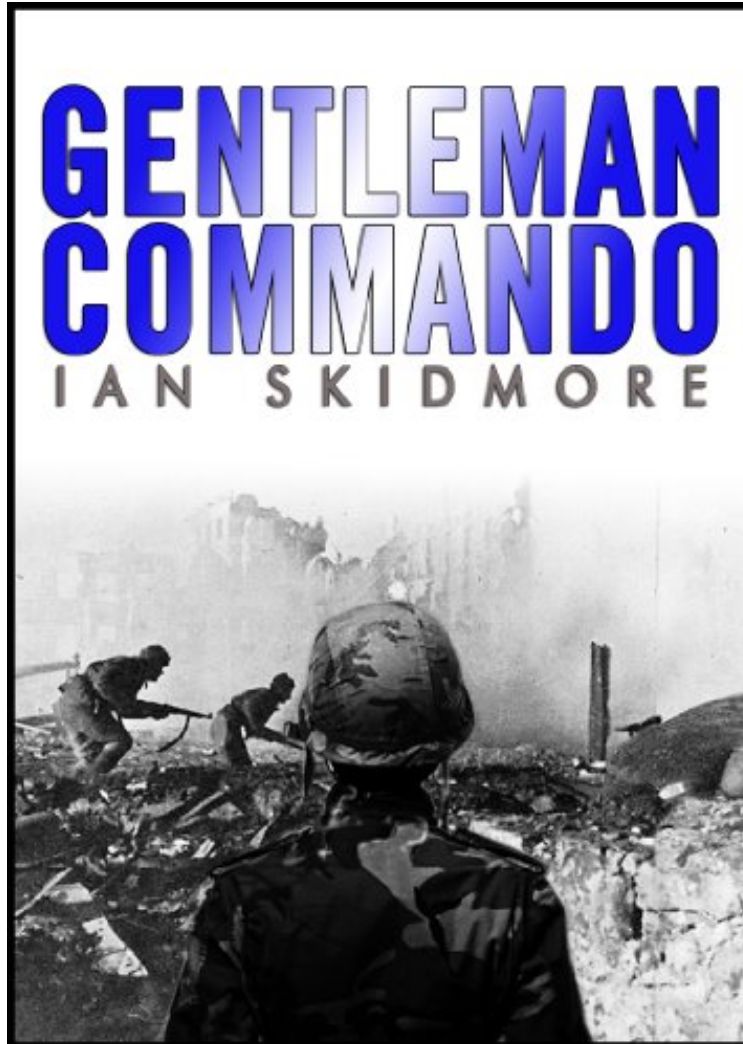


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Faszinierende Lektre!Von CyberpastorIch bin nur gut sieben Jahre nach dem Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs geboren, in dem auch zwei meiner Onkel gefallen sind, die ich deshalb nie kennenlernen durfte. AUedem interessiere ich mich in zunehmendem Mae fr historische Themen. Besonders beschftigt mich immer wieder die Frage, wie Menschen die schreckliche Zeit von 1939 bis 1945 erlebt haben. Dieses Buch schildert die Erinnerungen des britischen Colonel (Oberst) Alan Ferguson Warren sowie von Freunden. Er war Jahrgang 1900 und Berufssoldat. Bis 1939 hatte er das Militr des britischen Weltreichs immer nur als siegreich und vorbildlich erlebt. Doch dann war er dabei, als die Briten

aus Norwegen und aus Frankreich vertrieben wurden. Jetzt wurde er für militärische Einsätze hinter den feindlichen Linien eingesetzt. Zunächst in Frankreich und dann im damaligen Malaya in Südostasien. Dort erlebte er das scheinbar unaufhaltsame Vorrücken der Japaner mit, zunächst auf Singapur und später auf der Insel Sumatra im heutigen Indonesien. Er war entsetzt, als er hörte, da dort angesichts der drohenden Niederlage viele der sonst so disziplinierten britischen Soldaten ihre Waffen verkauften und am helllichten Tage auf offener Straße einheimische Frauen vergewaltigten. Jetzt hätte er, wie die meisten Offiziere seines Rangs und höher, sich in die Heimat absetzen und von dort aus seine militärische Karriere fortsetzen können. Aber das kam für ihn nicht in Frage. Er blieb bei seinen Soldaten und ging mit ihnen in die japanische Kriegsgefangenschaft, wohl wissend, was da auf ihn zukam. Dreieinhalb Jahre lang erlitt er grausame Demütigungen, Mißhandlungen, Zwangsarbeit, Hunger und andere Entbehrungen und daraus resultierende Krankheiten. Während dieser ganzen Zeit nahm er seine Verantwortung als Ranghöchster unter den britischen Kriegsgefangenen sehr ernst, für Disziplin, Moral und Zuversicht zu sorgen und sich auch gegenüber den unmenschlichen japanischen Bewachern für seine Männer einzusetzen. Die Disziplin, das Pflichtbewusstsein und die Selbstlosigkeit dieses Mannes machen dieses Buch zu einer faszinierenden Lektüre. Da strit es kaum, da man als nicht Fachmann viele der militärischen Abkürzungen nicht versteht.

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