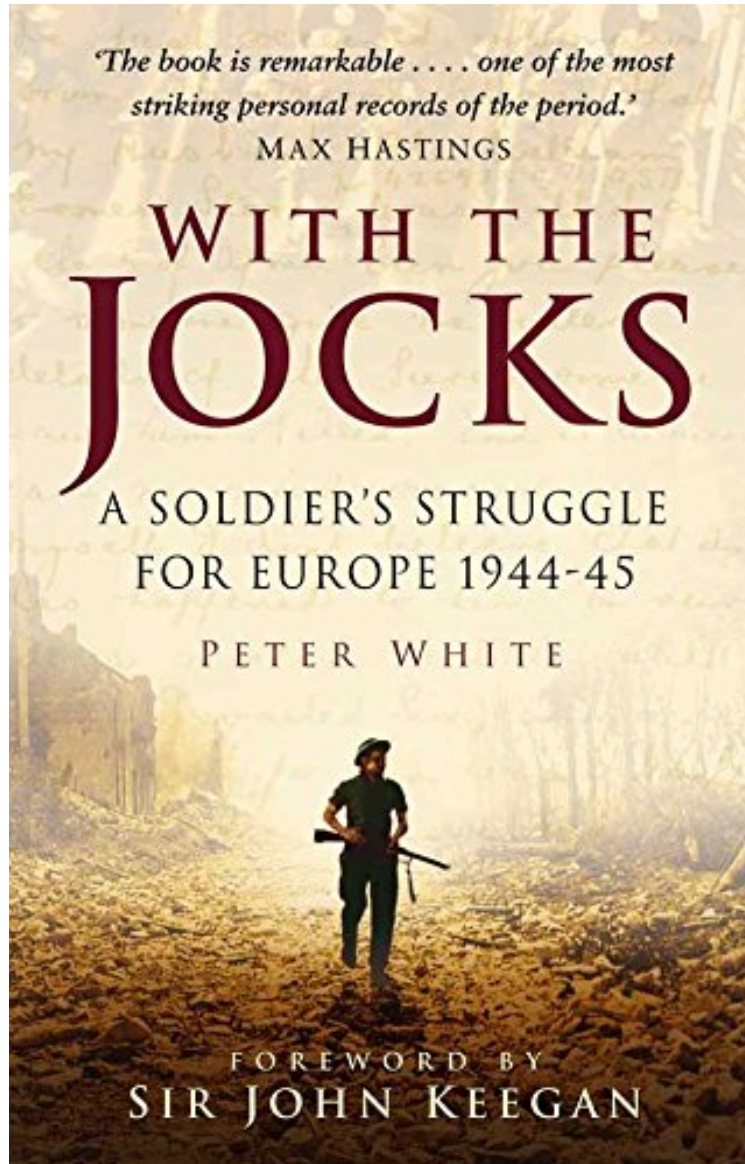


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sein. Was das Buch besonders für mich (und sicher für alle Deutschen, die sich intensiv mit dem 2. WK beschäftigen) zu etwas Besonderem macht ist die Tatsache, dass der den Krieg der letzten Monate und Wochen beschreibt, von den Kämpfen am Niederrhein, Wesel und die Rheinberquerung, das Rennen durch Norddeutschland und schließlich die auch für die Briten so bitteren Kämpfe um die Allertal und Bremen, wo noch so viele Briten in den letzten Kriegstagen gefallen sind. Er beschreibt die Kämpfe dabei so persönlich und so realistisch, dass man teilweise das Gefühl hat, er sitzt vor einem und erzählt dem Leser die Geschichte direkt. Toll. Er verschweigt dabei nichts, von unzureichender Kleidung, mangelndem Nachschub, schlecht ausgebildetem Personalersatz, "Friendly Fire"-Zwischenfällen, aber auch von den ganzen Gedanken, die die jungen Männer damals hatten. Ein wirklich mitreißendes Buch, sicher nicht literarisch Nobelpreisverdächtig, aber grandios und spannend. Leider sehe ich bei einem "Nischenthema" wie diesem nicht viele Chancen, es mal auf Deutsch zu lesen (muss ich auch nicht wirklich), daher meine uneingeschränkte Leseempfehlung für die Originalversion.

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