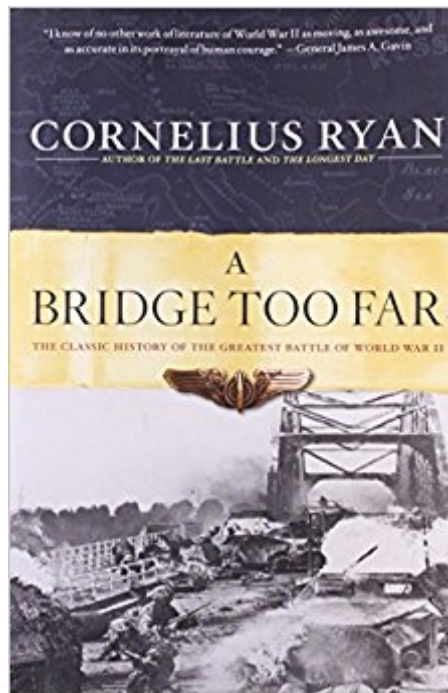




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A Bridge Too Far: The Classic History Of The Greatest Battle Of World War II



Synopsis

The classic account of one of the most dramatic battles of World War II. A Bridge Too Far is Cornelius Ryan's masterly chronicle of the Battle of Arnhem, which marshalled the greatest armada of troop-carrying aircraft ever assembled and cost the Allies nearly twice as many casualties as D-Day. In this compelling work of history, Ryan narrates the Allied effort to end the war in Europe in 1944 by dropping the combined airborne forces of the American and British armies behind German lines to capture the crucial bridge across the Rhine at Arnhem. Focusing on a vast cast of characters—from Dutch civilians to British and American strategists to common soldiers and commanders—Ryan brings to life one of the most daring and ill-fated operations of the war. A Bridge Too Far superbly recreates the terror and suspense, the heroism and tragedy of this epic operation, which ended in bitter defeat for the Allies.

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Marking the 50th anniversary of events leading up to the end of WWII are these two reissued historical works from the late war correspondent, author of *The Longest Day*. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Published in 1974 and 1966, respectively, these comprise the second and third legs of Ryan's World War II trilogy begun with 1959's *The Longest Day* (Classic Returns, 4/15/94). *Bridge* examines the Allies' failed plan to open a venue into Germany, while *The Last Battle* profiles the

growing tensions among the ranks of both the Allied and the Axis powers toward the conclusion of the European war. LJ's reviewers praised Ryan, finding his analysis "exciting and fast paced" (LJ 8/74) and "the tensions of the period are there on each page" (LJ 3/1/66). Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Cornelius Ryan does an amazing job of making you feel like your watching a movie, rather than reading a story. His ability to capture the details and feelings of the action on both sides is tremendous and merits our complete attention!

I really enjoy the way it was written. The book was easy to follow and understand.

If you enjoyed the movie, but we're confused by much of the sub plots as I was, this book fills them in. Such an amazing piece of history that is mostly forgotten. The atrocious loss of life due to overconfidence and egos will astound. I can see why Ike would want this event buried.

This is a very detailed account of Operation Market-Garden with quotes from many participants including British, American & German leaders and also minor players. The author also includes the perspective of civilians affected by the operation. This is however not an easy read if that is what the reader is looking for.

It was hard to get the big picture of the battle, the book focused on individual participants and not the battle.

Did not have an appreciation for Market-Garden before this book. Tons of detail and lots of great personal stories. Book did drag on about 75 percent thru. Liked the way the story was organized, but still had issues following from a point in time perspective at certain times. Recommend checking out some videos on YouTube as a companion to the book. I did this about halfway thru and found it very helpful in gaining perspective on geography of the battles.

Incredible. Can't believe I waited so long to read this honest account of an important battle and loss. Really enjoyed it cover to cover.

Excellent historical account. Many people are unaware of the beating the allies suffered in this

battle. Footnotes at the end of the chapters sometimes difficult to read and come back to the proper place in the narrative.

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