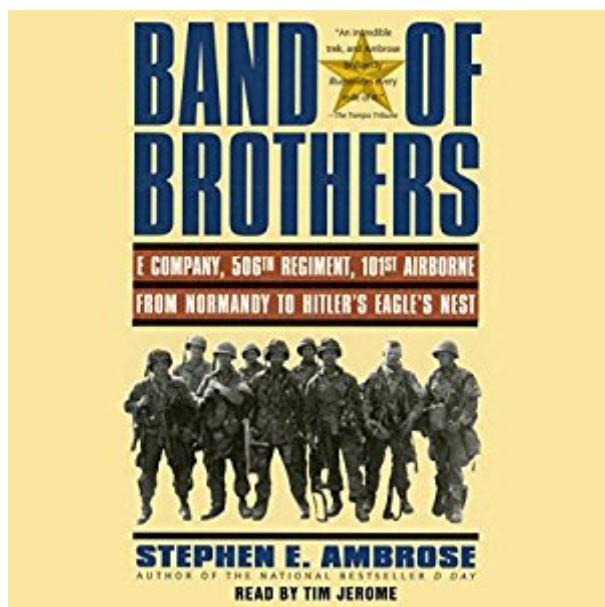


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# Band Of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, From Normandy To Hitler's Eagle's Nest



## **Synopsis**

Easy Company, 506th Airborne Division, U.S. Army, was as good a rifle company as any in the world. From their rigorous training in Georgia in 1942 to D-Day and victory, Ambrose tells the story of this remarkable company, which kept getting the tough assignments. Easy Company was responsible for everything from parachuting into France early D-Day morning to the capture of Hitler's Eagle's Nest at Berchtesgaden. Band of Brothers is the account of the men of this remarkable unit who fought, went hungry, froze, and died, a company that took 150 percent casualties and considered the Purple Heart a badge of office. Drawing on hours of interviews with survivors as well as the soldiers' journals and letters, Stephen Ambrose tell the stories - often in the men's own words - of these American heroes.

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## **Customer Reviews**

After watching the series I had to order and read the book. The expectations were high and boy did the book deliver! You get to know the characters more intimately, what was going through their mind, with an inside scoop from the guys that were there and events that were not seen in the series. The book is so addictive that it has taken me two days to complete it. Chapter after chapter it continues to unravel what the men had to go through, how their mental state and physical state started to deteriorate while still not wanting to surrender to the weather elements or to the enemy. A book that is a must have in your personal collection.

I really enjoyed this book. I read the kindle version which didn't include any pictures which was quite

frustrating. There was at least one reference in the book to an accompanying picture that I couldn't see, so I felt a bit disappointed by that. Otherwise, the way the story of E Company was told was so compelling that it was easy to overlook the omission. The book includes snippets of interviews and journal entries that fill in details, and each chapter has references to other books where information was obtained - that makes the book that much more valuable, since it helps you know where else to search for more information. There are a number of movies and books that will help shed a light on what it is like inside the mind of a soldier who is battle wearied and seen more carnage than they would like. This book does that for many of the soldiers of E Company, and includes their own words. I would give 5 stars for a non-kindle book. I deducted a star due to the lack of photos that must exist in the non-kindle books.

Stephen Ambrose was a master at bringing WWII history alive. Band of Brothers almost reads as fiction, however, it was thoroughly researched by the author, and hundreds of hours of interviews went into its writing. Although I watched the HBO series (more than once), I enjoyed the book immensely - it gave substance to the narrative that a video series could not hope to provide.

One of the best WWII books I have ever read. Follow EZ company through their European campaign. Get to know this group of men who had so much to do with our victory. Get to know these men this band of brothers and what they went through to help keep us free. This book is a great read; full of heroism and humility. Truly inspiring. Ambrose has a knack for telling you the stories that make up History. Not just the History. He makes history more exciting by putting it in context and explaining not just the basics but he gets into the stories of the men. So beloved is this book that it was turned into one of the most acclaimed mini series of our time. If you like History, heroism, and excitement this is a must read. It is relatively short but packed with everything an armchair history buff wants in a book.

I loved the miniseries inspired by this book, and I had much of the same feelings for the book. In the book, you get more details of what occurred and the people taking part in the war. What I wished for were pictures of the men spoken of in the book, because I relied on Google to help me identify men from the book I didn't know. Overall, it was a wonderful read.

My Dad was in WW2 and this time in history fascinates me. This is one of the best portrayals of war ever made. They don't glamorize it or make all the guys out to be heroes. They show all the ugly

sides of what these men went through. Excellent mini series and I would recommend it to anyone interested in WW2 era history. I would only caution that it is not for the squeamish or for kids.

In this case, I saw the series on TV first, then read the book. It would have been helpful to have done the reverse. That said, I find the book an excellent read. It gives a compelling and factual firsthand account of a group of men who trained and fought together in WWII. There is no "anti-war" nor "war" bias. There is no "pulling punches" nor "sugar-coating" about the realities of war with some details being very graphic. The true account really displays the camaraderie and strong willingness to fight for each other. While the author does not set out to portray the men as heroes, one comes away believing that they were.

If you want a book about the "Hero Generation" that tells the story of their sacrifices, selflessness and courage, this is it. Band of Brothers tells the story of a company of the 101st Airborne from initial training through the end of the war. The young men were truly patriotic and became true athletes in training. They were elite soldiers and their training was brutal. Once in battle, the interviews with the men show how human they are/were and yet how determined. Their bravery and the amount of action they were involved in were just phenomenal. The story of how they took out a German artillery battery at night sticks with me. One guy got shot and was dying, yet apologized for having been shot as if he didn't perform well enough. That was how they were. I actually felt let down at the war's conclusion. To think that such men, having survived and shared such suffering and "glory" (that only they knew about except for Ambrose documenting it near the end of the survivors' lives) would be frozen in time as they were made me feel despair. Upon arrival at home in the U.S., they would be separated and have to go about the relatively mundane business of life. It's not as if they wouldn't want to sleep in clean sheets, eat well and not get shot at. But there's a void, an unexplainable let down when such soldiers return home.

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