

Bestselling author Tom Brokaw brings readers inside the White House press corps in this up-close and personal account of the fall of an American president. In August 1974, after his involvement in the Watergate scandal could no longer be denied, Richard Nixon became the first and only president to resign from office in anticipation of certain impeachment. The year preceding that moment was filled with shocking revelations and bizarre events, full of power politics, legal jujitsu, and high-stakes showdowns, and with head-shaking surprises every day. As the country's top reporters worked to discover the truth, the public was overwhelmed by the confusing and almost unbelievable stories about activities in the Oval Office. Tom Brokaw, who was then the young NBC News White House correspondent, gives us a nuanced and thoughtful chronicle, recalling the players, the strategies, and the scandal that brought down a president. He takes readers from crowds of shouting protesters to shocking press conferences, from meetings with Attorney General Elliot Richardson and White House Chief of Staff Alexander Haig, to overseas missions alongside Henry Kissinger. He recounts Nixon's claims of executive privilege to withhold White House tape recordings of Oval Office conversations; the bribery scandal that led to the resignation of Vice President Spiro Agnew and his replacement by Gerald Ford; the firing of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox; how in the midst of Watergate Nixon organized emergency military relief for Israel during the Yom Kippur War; the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court that required Nixon to turn over the tapes; and other insider moments from this important and dramatic period. The Fall of Richard Nixon allows readers to experience this American epic from the perspective of a journalist on the ground and at the center of it all. Praise for *The Fall of Richard Nixon* "A divided nation. A deeply controversial president. Powerful passions. No, it's not what you're thinking, but Tom Brokaw knows that the past can be prologue, and he's given us an absorbing and illuminating firsthand account of how Richard Nixon fell from power. Part history, part memoir, Brokaw's book reminds us of the importance of journalism, the significance of facts, and the inherent complexity of power in America."—Jon Meacham, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Soul of America*

Focuses on the generation of Americans who were born in the 1920s, came of age during the Depression, fought in World War II, and came home to build a new America during the postwar era.

This is a true story of the experiences of just one military man in his life and death struggle while in the Pacific Theater during World War II, the war that has been recorded as being the greatest and perhaps one of the most tragic wars in the history of the United States. It is the war in which some 55 million died and some 3 million more are unaccounted for. It is also the war in which the United States suffered its greatest and most humiliating defeat - that of the loss of the entire Philippines. The story opens with the peaceful and relaxing island life, then carries the reader through the days of intense combat, the facing of the enemy as ammunition and supplies expire, the horrible experience of being captured, the brutal days of torture and slave labor as a prisoner of war and then on to the wonderful return to freedom back in the arms of the United States. In so doing it gives the reader an insight into that period not covered in most U.S. history. It points out the confusion that led to the "writing off" of the entire Allied forces in that faraway theater. It is this part of history that some of our great leaders would like to forget. Those who erred are not to be blamed, for we all do make mistakes. It is however, only by revealing them that we can avoid such in the future and hope

that it will be knowledge helpful to generations to come.

World War II was the most significant period in the 20th century. The war was caused by what happen earlier in that century and it influenced the events later in the 20th century. They are what Tom Brokaw called "The Greatest Generation." Their effort brought freedom back to a large part of earth and disposed of three horrible dictators. Young people know the major events of the war but don't know how it really was after the sanitizing of the history books and never heard of many events of the war. This books attempts to introduce everyone to the little known tales of WWII. These are some of the stories of "The Greatest Generation."

In response to Tom Brokaw's The Greatest Generation, Anne Thurston, one of his WWII wives, tells the story of the new frontier her generation is exploring today as they plunge into unexpected longevity. Like their ancestors who invaded America's West back in the 1800s, they are penetrating cyberspace to discover end-of-life adventure, love, and laughter. Not a historical and brave man but rather as a woman, she has plunged into the unknown world of online dating all because of a promise she made with her husband as he laid dying of Alzheimer's. She was to seek an end-of-life companion. The promise allowed him to leave with a smile. With all of society's terrifying consequences flung in her face, Anne thumbed her nose and took off. Not a liar, her story is beyond belief, true as it is. All of us have those years waiting for us down the road. Take a peek at them with Anne.

My father epitomized what Tom Brokaw has come to call "The Greatest Generation." He was honest and hardworking and had an unmatched love for his family and country. Like many others he was born into the height of the Great Depression and surrounded by poverty and chaos. At the twilight of his life, he remained exceptionally modest, because in a deep sense he didn't think that what he had accomplished was anything special. His approach to life was simple. He did not whine about being dealt a tough hand he just sucked it up and made it better. If you really knew my father you knew how sentimental he was. He really believed that it was important to keep the memory and spirit of his family alive. In an attempt to pass along the details of his family's life, he wrote this book. On April 11th, 2018 we will celebrate his 91st Birthday. I can only hope that his spirit and memory continues to live on through all of us.

Who we are, where we've been, and where we need to go now, to recapture the American dream Now with a new Foreword by the author "The best presentation of the challenges facing the country—and the possible solutions—I've ever seen."—P. J. O'Rourke Tom Brokaw, known and beloved for his landmark work in American journalism and for the New York Times bestsellers *The Greatest Generation* and *Boom!*, now turns his attention to the challenges that face America in the new millennium, to offer reflections on how we can restore America's greatness. Rooted in the values, lessons, and verities of generations past and of his South Dakota upbringing, Brokaw weaves together inspiring stories of Americans who are making a difference and personal stories from his own family history, to engage us in a conversation about our country and to share ideas for how we can revitalize the promise of the American Dream. Inviting us to foster a rebirth of family, community, and civic engagement as profound as the one that helped win World War II, built our

postwar prosperity, and ushered in the Civil Rights era, Brokaw traces the exciting, unnerving changes in modern life—in values, education, public service, housing, the Internet, and more—that have transformed our society in the decades since the age of thrift in which he was raised. In offering ideas from Americans who are change agents in their communities, Brokaw gives us a nourishing vision of hopefulness in an age of diminished expectations. **NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER** “Inspiring tales of how people from different walks of life have found ways to be of service to their communities and country.”—Walter Isaacson

The war claimed Daphne's young husband's life-- but it couldn't keep Raymond's love from being with her when she needed him most. Daphne sent her soldier husband a poem. When the poem comes back to her-- blood-stained by Raymond's mortal wounds-- it restored the grieving young widow's faith in the transcendent power of love.

Experience the history, politics, and tragedy of World War II through the original, often firsthand daily reportage of The New York Times, our country's newspaper of record. The Times' complete coverage of World War II is now available in a paperback edition of this unique book. Hundreds of the most riveting articles from the archives of the Times including firsthand accounts of major events and little-known anecdotes have been selected for inclusion in The New York Times: World War II. The book covers the biggest battles of the war, from the Battle of the Bulge to the Battle of Iwo Jima, as well as moving stories from the home front and profiles of noted leaders and heroes such as Winston Churchill and George Patton. A respected World War II historian and writer, editor Richard Overy guides readers through the articles, putting the events into historical context. Beautifully designed and illustrated with hundreds of maps and historical photographs, it's the perfect gift for any war, politics, or history buff.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • WITH A NEW PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR • A powerful memoir of a dramatic year spent battling cancer and reflecting on a long, happy, and lucky life—from the bestselling author of *The Greatest Generation*, whose iconic career in journalism has spanned more than fifty years Tom Brokaw has led a fortunate life, with a strong marriage and family, many friends, and a brilliant journalism career culminating in his twenty-two years as anchor of the NBC Nightly News and as bestselling author. But in the summer of 2013, when back pain led him to the doctors at the Mayo Clinic, his run of good luck was interrupted. He received shocking news: He had multiple myeloma, a treatable but incurable blood cancer. Friends had always referred to Brokaw's “lucky star,” but as he writes in this inspiring memoir, “Turns out that star has a dimmer switch.” Brokaw takes us through all the seasons and stages of this surprising year, the emotions, discoveries, setbacks, and struggles—times of denial, acceptance, turning points, and courage. After his diagnosis, Brokaw began to keep a journal, approaching this new stage of his life in a familiar role: as a journalist, determined to learn as much as he could about his condition, to report the story, and help others facing

similar battles. That journal became the basis of this wonderfully written memoir, the story of a man coming to terms with his own mortality, contemplating what means the most to him now, and reflecting on what has meant the most to him throughout his life. Brokaw also pauses to look back on some of the important moments in his career: memories of Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the morning of September 11, 2001, in New York City, and more. Through it all, Brokaw writes in the warm, intimate, natural voice of one of America's most beloved journalists, giving us Brokaw on Brokaw, and bringing us with him as he navigates pain, procedures, drug regimens, and physical rehabilitation. Brokaw also writes about the importance of patients taking an active role in their own treatment, and of the vital role of caretakers and coordinated care. Generous, informative, and deeply human, *A Lucky Life Interrupted* offers a message of understanding and empowerment, resolve and reality, hope for the future and gratitude for a well-lived life. Praise for *A Lucky Life Interrupted* "It's impossible not to be inspired by Brokaw's story, and his willingness to share it."—Los Angeles Times "A powerful memoir of battling cancer and facing mortality . . . Through the prism of his own illness, Brokaw looks at the larger picture of aging in America."—Booklist (starred review) "Moving, informative and deeply personal."—The Daily Beast "The former NBC News anchor has applied the fact-finding skills and straightforward candor that were his stock in trade during his reporting days to *A Lucky Life Interrupted*."—USA Today "Brokaw doesn't paste a smiley face on his story. Again and again, the book returns to stories of loss but also of grace, luck and the beauty of having another swing at bat."—The Washington Post "Engaging . . . [with] the kind of insight that is typical of Mr. Brokaw's approach to life and now to illness."—The Wall Street Journal "Powerful and courageous . . . [Brokaw] looks ahead to the future with hope."—Bookreporter

Redefines the tumultuous 1960s, a decade that saw the rise of the rebellious children of the greatest generation, to reveal how American social, political, economic, and cultural institutions were transformed by an era of dramatic change. It's bad for most of us these days. Low incomes, high expenses, a Congress that seems more like a playpen full of unruly and somewhat stupid children. It's all George's fault, right? He did preside over the financial debacle at the end of his unfortunate term. Some think it's Obama's fault, but the truth is, he inherited problems too big for one man to fight alone...and he has been, mainly, alone. It is time to put the blame where it belongs, on the single generation that, like an architect drawing plans for a huge building that must not fall, wrote the blueprint for all our problems. Who? The generation Tom Brokaw gormlessly glorified as the Greatest. In fact, it was the greediest, from having too many kids with no regard for them or the planet, to ensuring their golden years would glow with a light provided by their children's and grandchildren's rising taxes and diminishing paychecks.. Indeed, looked at rationally, it was the so-called Greatest Generation that has made us all A Nation of Serfs. In just nine chapters, *A Nation of Serfs* explains it all for you.

Myth and the Greatest Generation calls into question the glowing paradigm of the World War II generation set up by such books as *The Greatest Generation* by Tom Brokaw. Including analysis of news reports, memoirs, novels, films and other cultural artefacts Ken Rose shows the war was much more disruptive to the lives of Americans in the military and on the home front during World War II than is generally acknowledged. Issues of racial, labor unrest, juvenile delinquency, and marital infidelity were rampant, and the black market flourished. This book delves into both personal and national issues, calling into questions the dominant view of World War II as 'The Good War'.

I grew up in Collinsville, Connecticut during the Great Depression, was sworn into the Navy on my seventeenth birthday, and spent three years on the destroyer, USS Ringgold. There is nothing unique about that. Millions of people all over the world survived the Depression. Millions more lived through World War II. Nowhere near as many faced the end of the war as a twenty-year old high school drop out, emotionally hurting, not knowing what to do about it, or that I needed help. This is the story of that struggle; at the age of twenty-five becoming a follower of Jesus through the guidance of a Presbyterian minister, three years later entering college, and then seminary. This is what it was like to be redeemed from the scrap heap of life.

William Clement's book, *A FEW SOLDIERS*, takes us through World War II in a series of vignettes, each telling the story of a serviceman whose adventures or misadventures he witnessed. Unlike the heroic characters described in Tom Brokaw's *THE GREATEST GENERATION*, Clement's soldiers weren't all heroes. Among his characters you'll find a sprinkling of crooks, cowards, misfits and meatheads, but there are enough heroes to go around. A survivor of D-Day assault on Omaha beach on June 6, 1944, Clement recounts the earlier days of the Draft, the difficulty of raising and training an army of Depression hardened men, and the sometimes heroic, sometimes comical, sometimes tragic incidents that colored their military careers.

Uel Blank's primary career focused upon economic and community development. Much of it involved extension and classroom teaching and research in the Land-Grant universities of Missouri, Michigan and Minnesota. He also served as an economic development consultant to businesses and communities in the Midwestern United States and overseas---in the Middle East, the Baltic States of Estonia and Latvia, and in Post-Soviet Russia. In contrast to his present career, his first job after undergraduate college was as an industrial chemist. He also covered 100,000 miles of the Pacific Ocean aboard a destroyer in World War II. In even sharper contrast, he grew up on the family farm where, despite the on-rushing events of the Twentieth Century, life retained many of the semi-subsistence characteristics of the previous century. These wide-ranging experiences equip him well to bring to life the events and people recorded in the diaries that provide the basis for this book's narrative.

The basic purpose of the book is to recall and record the historical events that surrounded and strongly influenced a generation of Americans. It was that generation born in the decade of the Great Depression, 1930 1940. To be dubbed later as the "Silent Generation," although not really 'silent,' they should more properly be called the "Depression Babies." They would grow up during

World War II, a war fought by their parents whom Tom Brokaw would celebrate as The Greatest Generation. The Depression Babies were educated in the late 1940s and early 1950s, participated in or witnessed two more wars and were major contributors to the Technology Revolution in its early developmental stages. The book deals with the history and progress (or lack thereof) of the Depression Babies up to the present day and explains their politics and actions that unfortunately had them mislabeled as the "Silent Generation."

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Traditional Chinese edition of The Greatest Generation

This story describes many incidents in the life of Charles McAvoyhis upbringing in small-town America,his experiences in World War II and the Korean War, his love of flying, and his rise in the ranks of one of the largest and most successful enterprises in American corporate history and the triumphs and tragedies within his family. It is the story of one life that epitomizes what is now being referred to as "The Greatest Generation."

At the conclusion of World War II, Americans anxiously contemplated the return to peace. It was an uncertain time, filled with concerns about demobilization, inflation, strikes, and the return of a second Great Depression. Balanced against these challenges was the hope in a future of unparalleled opportunities for a generation raised in hard times and war. One of the remarkable untold stories of postwar America is the successful assimilation of sixteen million veterans back into civilian society after 1945. The G.I. generation returned home filled with the same sense of fear and hope as most citizens at the time. Their transition from conflict to normalcy is one of the greatest chapters in American history. The Greatest Generation Comes Home combines military and social history into a comprehensive narrative of the veteran's experience after World War II. It integrates early impressions of home in 1945 with later stories of medical recovery, education, work, politics, and entertainment, as well as moving accounts of the dislocation, alienation, and discomfort many faced. The book includes the experiences of not only the millions of veterans drawn from mainstream white America, but also the women, African Americans, Latinos, and Asian Americans who served the nation. Perhaps most important, the book also examines the legacy bequeathed by these veterans to later generations who served in uniform on new battlefields around the world.

The Whiskey Bottle Conversation by David Leonard is a history lesson taught through the dialogue between father and son on a snowy weekend. While warmth, compassion, and caring between two men are demonstrating throughout this book, the story line is fascinating as Dick tells of his experiences growing up in small-town America and his adventures as he goes off to fight in World War II. This book is a delight. It allows the reader to see a much different world than the one we know today.

Tom Brokaw "The greatest generation."

Presents the story of how an American pilot participated in the Berlin Airlift and decided to drop candy for the German children caught behind the post-World-War II Soviet blockade, an effort intended to heal the wounds of war.

The Greatest Generation is the first hand account of an English soldier who began his army career with the Long Range Desert Group in

1940, raided with David's Sterling's Special Air Service, volunteered for the 1st Airborne Division and took part in their first ever jump. He then transferred to the 6th Airborne in 1943 and with them he dropped at Pegasus Bridge, battled the Bulge, jumped the Rhine and fought through northern Germany to meet the Russians on the Baltic Coast where they celebrated together with vodka. Albert arrested Joseph Kramer, the Beast of Belsen, escorted Prince Olaf of Norway during peacekeeping duties and finally confronted Jewish nationalists in Palestine. Now, for the first time, his personal account is available and provides a fascinating insight into the minds of the men of the parachute brigade who carried out such dangerous war-time operations.

That little voice was screaming in the back of my mind, but there was nothing wrong with the aircraft, so I overrode the warning and concentrated on the inner circle of the gun sight. The soldiers manning the gun pit started to bail out of the trench and beat feet from the impact area, and then it dawned on me. That little voice was not mine, it was a recalled instruction from one of the old heads - NEVER concentrate on the gun sight, always concentrate on the target. I was too low, I was going to auger in to the gun pit at over 354 miles per hour and at that speed they wouldn't even look for the tiny pieces of my remains to ship home.

"In the spring of 1984, I went to the northwest of France, to Normandy, to prepare an NBC documentary on the fortieth anniversary of D-Day, the massive and daring Allied invasion of Europe that marked the beginning of the end of Adolf Hitler's Third Reich. There, I underwent a life-changing experience. As I walked the beaches with the American veterans who had returned for this anniversary, men in their sixties and seventies, and listened to their stories, I was deeply moved and profoundly grateful for all they had done. Ten years later, I returned to Normandy for the fiftieth anniversary of the invasion, and by then I had come to understand what this generation of Americans meant to history. It is, I believe, the greatest generation any society has ever produced." In this superb book, Tom Brokaw goes out into America, to tell through the stories of individual men and women the story of a generation, America's citizen heroes and heroines who came of age during the Great Depression and the Second World War and went on to build modern America. This generation was united not only by a common purpose, but also by common values--duty, honor, economy, courage, service, love of family and country, and, above all, responsibility for oneself. In this book, you will meet people whose everyday lives reveal how a generation persevered through war, and were trained by it, and then went on to create interesting and useful lives and the America we have today. "At a time in their lives when their days and nights should have been filled with innocent adventure, love, and the lessons of the workaday world, they were fighting in the most primitive conditions possible across the bloodied landscape of France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, and the coral islands of the Pacific. They answered the call to save the world from the two most powerful and ruthless military machines ever assembled, instruments of conquest in the hands of fascist maniacs. They faced great odds and a late start, but they did not protest. They succeeded on every front. They won the war; they saved the world. They came home to joyous and short-lived celebrations and immediately began the task of rebuilding their lives and the world they wanted. They married in record numbers and gave birth to another distinctive generation, the Baby Boomers. A grateful nation made it possible for more of them to attend college than any society had ever educated, anywhere. They gave the world new science, literature, art, industry, and economic strength unparalleled in the long curve of history. As they now reach the twilight of their adventurous and productive lives, they remain, for the most part, exceptionally modest. They have so many stories to tell, stories that in many cases they have never told before, because in a deep sense they didn't think that what they were doing was that special, because everyone else was doing it too. "This book, I hope, will in some small way pay tribute to those men and women who have given us the lives we have today--an American family portrait album of the greatest generation." In this book you'll meet people like Charles Van Gorder, who set up during D-Day a MASH-like

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medical facility in the middle of the fighting, and then came home to create a clinic and hospital in his hometown. You'll hear George Bush talk about how, as a Navy Air Corps combat pilot, one of his assignments was to read the mail of the enlisted men under him, to be sure no sensitive military information would be compromised. And so, Bush says, "I learned about life." You'll meet Trudy Elion, winner of the Nobel Prize in medicine, one of the many women in this book who found fulfilling careers in the changed society as a result of the war. You'll meet Martha Putney, one of the first black women to serve in the newly formed WACs. And you'll meet the members of the Romeo Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out), friends for life. Through these and other stories in *The Greatest Generation*, you'll relive with ordinary men and women, military heroes, famous people of great achievement, and community leaders how these extraordinary times forged the values and provided the training that made a people and a nation great. "From the Hardcover edition."

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