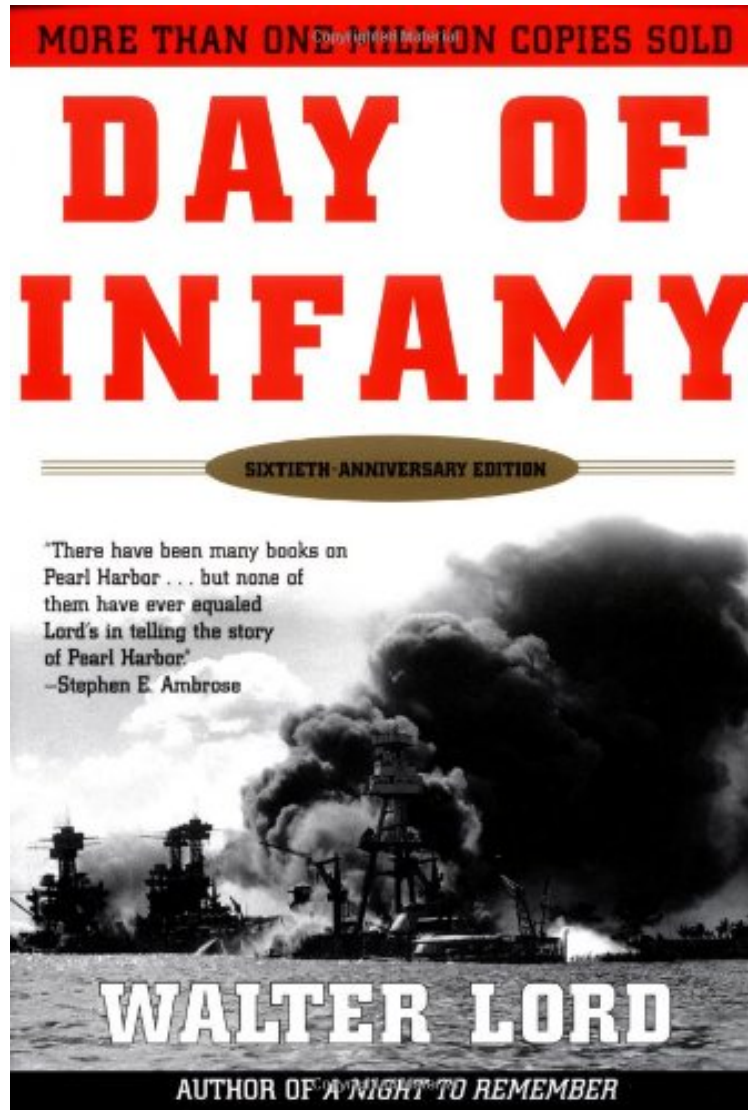


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Walter Lord's books. He has an ability to drill down and get to the human side. They are always extensively researched. That said, this one was one of the side of slightly below par of his lofty standards. I found it slightly uneven at times. Just too many names and one paragraph stories thrown in. To be expected given so many moving parts. The coverage on the Japanese side was first rate. Still worth a read and again one of the better Pearl Harbour books. His books on "Incredible Victory - Midway" and "Coast Watching WW2 - Solomon Islands" are first rate. Coastal Watching is an amazing read. What a great book. He remains till now a first rate (and prolific) story teller. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very detailed account By Erl Gould Purnell Walter Lord's account of the attack on Pearl Harbor has been on my "to read" list for years. It's filled with personal recollections of those who survived that horrible attack. While there are a few humorous anecdotes, the majority of stories depict the shattering violence of the Japanese attack and the confusion that ensued. There are useful details about the Japanese planning and execution of their plan, especially noting that neither Yamamoto nor Nagumo were in favor of waking the sleeping giant. Well worth reading. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Like being there By FacMgr An amazing account of December 7. Not a "fact based history book" but a collection of memories of people who were there correlated to the records of the day. I much prefer the stories of people who lived history than the story written by someone claiming to be a historian and writing from dry records. Stories of the people who were mad about having their ship sunk, the marine who had a bullet through the bill of his cap while running, the people who were mad at the army for conducting drills on a quiet Sunday morning --- all of these make the history much more personal. As a coincidence, I met one of the men from the Salt Lake City who had transported a shipmate ashore for an appendectomy only to be trapped ashore during the raid.

A special 60th anniversary edition of the bestselling re-creation of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, by the author of *A Night to Remember*. Sunday, December 7, 1941, was, as President Roosevelt said, "a date which will live in infamy." *Day of Infamy* is a fascinating account of that unforgettable day's events. In brilliant detail Walter Lord traces the human drama of the great attack: the spies behind it; the Japanese pilots; the crews on the stricken warships; the men at the airfields and the bases; the Japanese pilot who captured an island single-handedly when he could not get back to his carrier; the generals, the sailors, the housewives, and the children who responded to the attack with anger, numbness, and magnificent courage. In piecing together the saga of Pearl Harbor, Lord traveled over fourteen thousand miles and spoke or corresponded with over five hundred individuals who were there. He obtained exclusive interviews with members of the Japanese attacking force and spent hundreds of hours with the Americans who received the blow -- not just the admirals and generals, but enlisted men and families as well. He visited each of the Hawaiian bases attacked and pored over maps, charts, letters, diaries, official files, newspapers, and some twenty-five thousand pages of testimony, discovering a wealth of information that had never before been revealed. *Day of Infamy* is an inspiring human document and the best account we have of one of the epic events in American history.

.com There may not be a better book on what happened at Pearl Harbor than *Day of Infamy*--and it's not as if the Pearl Harbor story has lacked chroniclers. Walter Lord is best known for *A Night to Remember*, his book on the voyage of the Titanic. *Day of Infamy* deserves to stand beside that classic as a gripping narrative, and the subject matter, of course, is infinitely more important. Lord begins by showing how Japanese admirals, three months before their notorious sneak attack, "tested the idea on the game board at the Naval War College." (It didn't go nearly as well there as it did in real life.) Then he proceeds briskly through the preparations for the assault and delivers a minute-by-minute account about those fateful hours in Oahu. The detail is incredible. The Japanese scan Hawaiian radio stations to see if their moves have been detected; a U.S. naval officer on "his first night on his first patrol on his first command" spots a Japanese submarine just hours before the strike; when the surprise attack finally does arrive, an excited Japanese commander shouts "Tora! Tora! Tora!" ("Victory!") before even the first bombs have fallen. The whole assault lasted about two hours. Thousands of Americans were killed or wounded. The Navy lost the U.S.S. Arizona, which blew up about 15 minutes into the raid, and 17 other ships were either sunk or crippled. Hundreds of planes were destroyed or damaged. The Japanese, by contrast, lost only 29 planes. It must be considered one of the most lopsided battles in all history--and "battle" probably isn't the best word to describe it. Pearl Harbor was closer to a massacre. Whatever the label, Pearl Harbor was a turning-point moment in American history, and it gave rise, the very next day, to some of the most famous words ever spoken by an American president: "Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date which will live in infamy, the United States was suddenly and deliberately attacked...." If you intend to read only a single book on Pearl Harbor, this is the one for you. --John J. Miller From *Library Journal* The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that precipitated U.S. involvement in World War II is described here by the participants themselves. Author Lord performed an enormous amount of research, some of which is described at the recording's end, and spent considerable time locating and interviewing survivors from both sides of the battle. Tom Parker gives an excellent reading of the text. His narration is paced to the rapid sequence of events, uncertainty, confusion, and suspense experienced by those caught in the great battle. The listener who is not a student of the battle will be carried along by both the astonishing acts of courage and the incredible instances of denial that persisted even while the attack was underway!

Recommended for all history collections, wherein it can be enjoyed by folks of all ages. ?Cliff Glaviano, Bowling Green State Univ. Libs., Ohio Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. "There have been many books on Pearl Harbor . . . but none of them have ever equaled Lord's in telling the story of Pearl Harbor." ?Stephen E. Ambrose "The carefully planned hour-by-hour recording of the surprise assault on Pearl Harbor . . . is as engrossing as the story of the sinking of the Titanic and more harrowing." ?The Atlantic