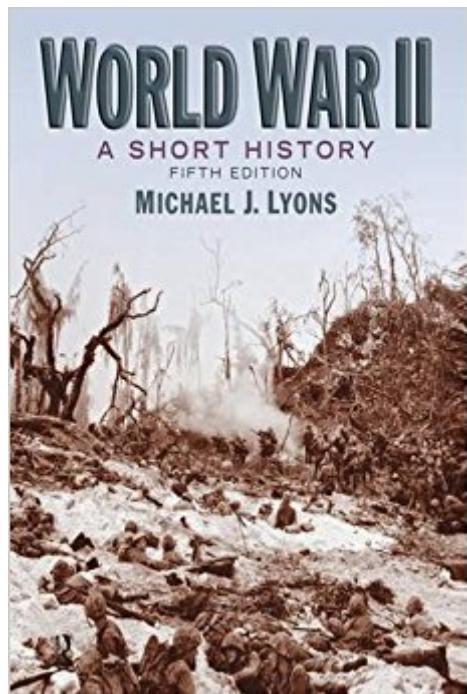


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# World War II: A Short History



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This was a required text and it had covered enough information for me to do very well. I would seek supplemental sources (web, library) for more in-depth topics. Lyons covered all the psychology, politics, history, geography, and other factors that were part of WWII. It was very easy to read and

many interesting battles were described clearly. Sometimes, I would lose track of all the military regiments during battle maneuvers since there were a lot of "Army group A went south around X river, etc." but overall a comprehensive look at WWII.

So what is written in the book is getting 4 stars it is pretty well written text on WWII. The book it self is cheaply made for the price it should be at least a hardbound book not paperback and the book is only 328 pages with index so it's not like it's this huge text book that cost a bunch to make it. My biggest compliment is how over priced the book is new, then how cheaply made the cover & binding is .... Unless you really love WWII and want to keep the book I highly recommend renting it given how poorly the book is made.

I got this book as a textbook I needed for a history course about WWII and Europe at my university. I felt that this book was a decent supplement to what I found to be a fascinating course. We had about 3/4th's of this book as assigned reading over the semester, and I enjoyed reading most of it. There were some parts that felt like they dragged on, but most did not. This is not like reading a novel (it shouldn't be, it's a textbook) but I think I still enjoyed most of it.

I give this only a 4 due to the poor quality of the binding and the poor black and white maps and photos. If on content alone, it would be a 6 (yeah, not possible - I know). M. Lyons does a tremendous job illuminating the facts behind the battles and decisions in the most concise and precise ways. I teach a CO-OP home-school WWII class and this will be on my lectern from Day 1! The text covers enough of WWI to help explain how the treaties afterward were essentially only an armistice for 20 years and led to WWII. He also addresses the financial, geopolitical, and nationalistic atmospheres that helped bring about the NEXT 'War to End all Wars.' He then begins a thorough trek through the history of this great conflict. He illuminates the military strategies and battles with precision and deftness. This book delves much deeper than just a liturgy of the various battles, their outcomes, and the fortunes of the combatants. It also covers the whys and what-for's that led to the battle decisions and those who made them. If you're looking for a text to teach the whole history of the war and want it done WELL in just over 300 pages, this is the one. It's remarkable how he seems to not miss a topic yet uses so little space - the sign of excellent writing! While the cost is somewhat high (hey, it's a college textbook), it is more than worth it. Good show, Mr. Lyons!

This book was in pretty poor condition when I received it, but I thought the contents were well

written. I thought the author really covered a LOT for it being "A Short History." I will probably buy a copy in the future when I have a bit more money. It would be good to reference and for citations.

This is one of the better textbooks that I have had in a long time. The primary information in the textbook seems to be the battle plans and tactics (how each country reacts and responds in different battles). If you are interested in more detailed information on the Holocaust, then this is not the book for you, but if you are interested to know more about the battles of WWII and their impacts on other countries war plans, then you will enjoy this book.

I used this book as a textbook for a WWII History class I took. It is excellent.

I received the incorrect addition that was advertised, very unsatisfied with the order.

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