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From the author of We Die Alone.

When a young archaeologist discovers a set of human remains, the locals are intrigued. Is it an ancient find—or a more contemporary mystery? Then an elderly woman is fatally shot and Ann Cleeves's popular series detective Jimmy Perez is called in. As claustrophobic mists swirl around the island, Inspector Perez finds himself totally in the dark. This series is the basis for the hit BBC show Shetland, starring

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Douglas Henshall, which attracted over 12 million viewers in its first two nights on the air.

Being separate from the Scottish mainland, the Shetland Isles have a rich and unique tradition of folklore, from selkies to invading giants and Vikings. This book brings together for the first time many tales of the Isles, including The Boy Who Came from the Ground, and Norway's First Troll, among many others. This collection is sure to enthrall and entertain those from the region and anyone who picks up a copy.

In June 1942, the U.S. Army began recruiting immigrants, the children of immigrants, refugees, and others with language skills and knowledge of enemy lands and cultures for a special military intelligence group being trained in the

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mountains of northern Maryland and sent into Europe and the Pacific. Ultimately, 15,000 men and some women received this specialized training and went on to make vital contributions to victory in World War II. This is their story, which Beverley Driver Eddy tells thoroughly and colorfully, drawing heavily on interviews with surviving Ritchie Boys. The army recruited not just those fluent in German, French, Italian, and Polish (approximately a fifth were Jewish refugees from Europe), but also Arabic, Japanese, Dutch, Greek, Norwegian, Russian, Turkish, and other languages—as well as some 200 Native Americans and 200 WACs. They were trained in photo interpretation, terrain analysis, POW interrogation, counterintelligence, espionage,

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signal intelligence (including pigeons), mapmaking, intelligence gathering, and close combat. Many landed in France on D-Day. Many more fanned out across Europe and around the world completing their missions, often in cooperation with the OSS and Counterintelligence Corps, sometimes on the front lines, often behind the lines. The Ritchie Boys' intelligence proved vital during the liberation of Paris and the Battle of the Bulge. They helped craft the print and radio propaganda that wore down German homefront morale. If caught, they could have been executed as spies. After the war they translated and interrogated at the Nuremberg trials. One participated in using war criminal Klaus Barbie as an anti-communist agent. Meanwhile, Ritchie

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Boys in the Pacific Theater of Operations collected intelligence in Burma and China, directed bombing raids in New Guinea and the Philippines, and fought on Okinawa and Iwo Jima. This is a different kind of World War II story, and Eddy tells it with conviction, supported by years of research and interviews.

Hitler's Arctic War

First Blood in North Africa

We Die Alone

Ritchie Boy Secrets

The Resistance Girl

Transporting Secret Agents Across the North Sea in WW2

A Novel

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As WWII breaks out, a father finds himself in the U.S. while his wife and children are home in occupied Norway. Based on the son's true life journals, this is a story of a family separated by war and uncertainty. Will they all survive to be reunited?

The Shetland Bus was not a bus, but the nickname of a special operations group that set up a route across the North Sea between Norway and the Shetland Islands, north-east of mainland Scotland. The first voyage was made by Norwegian sailors to help their compatriots in occupied Norway, but soon the Secret Intelligence Service and the Special

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Operations Executive asked if they would be prepared to carry cargoes of British agents and equipment, as well. Fourteen boats of different sizes were originally used, and Flemington House in Shetland was commandeered as the operation's HQ. The first official journey was carried out by the Norwegian fishing vessel the Aksel, which left Luna Ness on 30 August 1941 on route to Bremen in Norway. This book examines that first journey, as well later ones, and discusses the agents and operations which members of the Shetland Bus were involved in throughout the war. It also looks at the donation of 3

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submarine chasers to the operation, made in October 1943, by the United States Navy. These torpedo-type boats were 110 ft long and very fast, allowing journey times between Shetland and Norway to be greatly reduced and carried out in greater safety. The story of the Shetland Bus would be nothing without the individuals involved, both the sailors of the boats and the agents who were carried between the two countries. These were very brave individuals who helped maintain an important lifeline to the beleaguered Norwegians. It also allowed British and Norwegian agents a way in to Norway so that they could liaise

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with the Norwegian Underground movement and carry out important missions against the German occupiers.

We Die Alone recounts one of the most exciting escape stories to emerge from the challenges and miseries of World War II. In March 1943, a team of expatriate Norwegian commandos sailed from northern England for Nazi-occupied arctic Norway to organize and supply the Norwegian resistance. But they were betrayed and the Nazis ambushed them. Only one man survived--Jan Baalsrud. This is the incredible and gripping story of his escape. Frostbitten and snowblind, pursued by

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the Nazis, he dragged himself on until he reached a small arctic village. He was near death, delirious, and a virtual cripple. But the villagers, at mortal risk to themselves, were determined to save him, and--through impossible feats--they did. *We Die Alone* is an astonishing true story of heroism and endurance. Like Slavomir Rawicz's *The Long Walk*, it is also an unforgettable portrait of the determination of the human spirit.

In the waning days of World War II, a little-known battle took place under the frozen seas off the coast of Norway . . . and changed the course of the war. In February of 1944,

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Germany and Japan devised a desperate plan to escape defeat. The Germans would send Japan a submarine-boat U-864-packed with their most advanced rocket and jet aircraft technology. Japan could then reestablish air superiority in the Pacific, drawing the attention of Allied forces long enough for Germany to regroup. Meanwhile, British code breakers, working with the Norwegian underground, had discovered the plan. But even though they were unable to stop the submarine from embarking, the British submarine HMS Venturer was waiting for it at sea. In a cat-and-mouse battle beneath the waves, they hunted one

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another, each waiting to strike. The Venturer won the game, becoming the only submarine in history to sink another sub in underwater combat. This is the dramatic, action-packed account of one of the greatest unsung victories in military history, and of a historical moment in the annals of naval warfare.

War Story

How Dutch Cota Saved Omaha Beach on June 6,
1944

Operation Torch and the U.S. Campaign in
Africa in WWII

Rangers in World War II

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American Soldiers in Europe During World War
II

The Dreadnoughts

D-Day General

You never knew if the person next door was a hero; a Norwegian resistance fighter. The hero next door could be a teenager going with his dad to steal grain from a Nazi train, in order to feed refugees. It could be a girl who hid underground messages in her instrument case, while going by bike to a violin lesson. It could be the fisherman down the street, rowing a boat full of grenades, with a German U-boat captain sitting on the seat which was hiding them. Many Norwegians risked their lives to thwart the Nazis who were occupying their country. These are their true stories. These twenty

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eyewitness accounts were originally collected from Sons of Norway members by District 5 Cultural Director, Jean Bittner. We hope these accounts help you remember the acts of bravery that everyday heroes made in Norway during World War II.

From the internationally acclaimed, best-selling author of *Hunting Eichmann* and *The Perfect Mile*, a World War II spy adventure set in Norway that draws on top-secret documents and memoirs of the saboteurs. In 1942, the Nazis were racing to complete the first atomic bomb. All they needed was a single, incredibly rare ingredient: heavy water, which was produced solely at Norway ' s Vemork plant. Under threat of death, Vemork ' s engineers pushed production into overdrive. If the Allies could not destroy the plant, they feared the Nazis

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would soon be in possession of the most dangerous weapon the world had ever seen. But how would the Allied forces reach the castle fortress, set on a precipitous gorge in one of the coldest, most inhospitable places on earth? Based on a trove of top-secret documents and never-before-seen diaries and letters of the saboteurs, *The Winter Fortress* is an arresting chronicle of a brilliant scientist, a band of spies on skis, perilous survival in the wild, Gestapo manhunts, and a last-minute operation that would alter the course of the war.

“ Riveting and poignant . . . *The Winter Fortress* metamorphoses from engrossing history into a smashing thriller . . . Mr. Bascomb ’ s research and, especially, his storytelling skills are first-rate. ” —Wall Street Journal

Omaha was the make-or-break Allied beach on D-Day—in

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(perhaps) the make-or-break campaign of World War II. If American soldiers couldn't gain a foothold there, then D-Day was unlikely to succeed. On June 6, 1944, U.S. troops on Omaha suffered the worst casualties of any of the five Allied invasion beaches—so many casualties, and so much tactical difficulty, that Omaha almost didn't succeed. One big reason why Americans gained a foothold on Omaha was Gen. Norman “Dutch” Cota. A graduate of the West Point class of 1917 (alongside famous classmates Matthew Ridgway, Mark Clark, and Lightning Joe Collins), Norm Cota played football with Dwight Eisenhower, who graduated two years earlier. From March 1941 to February 1943, Cota served with the famous 1st Infantry Division, the Big Red One, as division intelligence officer, plans/training officer, and finally chief of

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staff. He performed so well in the North Africa campaign that he was sent to England to help plan D-Day. After laying the tactical groundwork for the amphibious landings, Cota was made assistant division commander of the 29th Infantry Division. On the eve of D-Day, he told his men, “ You ’ re going to find confusion. The landing craft aren ’ t going in on schedule, and people are going to be landed in the wrong place. Some won ’ t be landed at all. . . . We must improvise, carry on, not lose our heads. ” On June 6, 1944, under heavy fire, Cota landed with the second wave of the 29th Infantry Division on Omaha Beach, about an hour after the start of the invasion. He personally rallied the survivors of the landings and led the opening of one of the first exits off Omaha. Cota seemed to be everywhere that day. Coming upon a group of

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Rangers, the general told them, “ Rangers, lead the way ” (hence the Rangers ’ motto). He is also known for saying, “ Gentlemen, we are being killed on the beaches. Let us go inland and be killed. ” And, to a captain uncertain how to proceed: “ I ’ ll tell you what, captain. You and your men start shooting at them. I ’ ll take a squad of men, and you and your men watch carefully. I ’ ll show you how to take a house with Germans in it. ” Having demonstrated the task, Cota asked the officer, “ Do you understand? Do you know how to do it now? . . . I won ’ t be around to do it for you again. I can ’ t do it for everybody. ” Great quips—which American military history will always remember and which show the character, in every sense, of Dutch Cota. Cota was a fighter—a fighting general, a D-Day general—and his contribution to D-Day will remain

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his rallying of demoralized troops and his blazing the trail toward the breakout and victory on Omaha. Ted Roosevelt Jr., who landed at Utah Beach, has always received credit as the D-Day general (like Cota, Roosevelt also demanded that he land on D-Day—and then died of a heart attack a month later), but Cota is the hero-general of the day, having landed early on D-Day on bloody Omaha. Portrayed by Robert Mitchum in the grand D-Day film *The Longest Day*, Cota has not yet received his due—and there ' s a campaign now afoot to award him a belated Medal of Honor. His story cries out to be told. Now, with the cooperation of the Cota family, Noel F. Mehlo Jr. tells the compelling story Dutch Cota on Omaha Beach, revealing new information and never-before-seen photos.

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Built around 1200 and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site that draws more than a million visitors and pilgrims each year, Chartres Cathedral is one of the jewels of Western Civilization. How Chartres Cathedral and its priceless stained glass (today the largest such collection in one location) survived World War II ' s widespread destruction of cultural monuments is one of the great stories of recent history. Saving the Light at Chartres begins half a decade before World War II, when a young French architect developed a plan to save the cathedral ' s precious stained glass. As war engulfed Europe in the fall of 1939, master glass artisans dismantled the hundreds of windows, and soldiers, tradesmen, and laborers with local volunteers crated thousands of glass panels, stowed them in the crypt, and

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months later—just before German invaders reached Chartres—hailed them across the country to an underground quarry. This effort to save the stained glass is but a prologue. By August 1944, the U.S. Army had broken out of Normandy and was racing across France toward Paris and the Seine. Chartres became a key battleground. Allied bombing blew out the cathedral ' s temporary window coverings, and when the Americans—assisted by French Resistance fighters—entered the city in the face of unexpectedly heavy defiance and snipers in the cathedral, many soldiers believed German artillery spotters were occupying the cathedral ' s spires. When Colonel Welborn Griffith Jr.—a senior operations officer of Twentieth Corps in Patton ' s Third Army—arrived, some were pressing to countermand the army ' s standing order to avoid

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the cathedral and threatened to destroy it to neutralize the German spotters. Griffith was skeptical. He inspected the cathedral himself, climbed its towers, but found no Germans, so he rang the bell, waved an American flag, and ordered that the cathedral be spared, saving it from destruction. Griffith would be killed later that day. Victor Pollak tells both stories—the rescue of the windows and Colonel Griffith ' s fateful role—in a compelling narrative. Saving the Light at Chartres honors the government and local teams who saved the windows, the Resistance that performed a vital role in the liberation of Chartres, Welborn Griffith, and the enduring treasure that is Chartres Cathedral.

The Secret Hunt for U-Boat 864 During World War II
Shetland Bus

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The Shetland 'Bus' Inside Fortress Norway

A WWII Epic of Escape and Endurance Panzers Forward

The incredible true story of Jan Baalsrud's escape from the Nazis in the frigid wilderness of occupied Norway. In late March 1943, in the depths of the Second World War, four Norwegian commandos arrived by fishing cutter in the cove of Toftefjord in northern Norway. They dropped anchor there, hoping to establish a base of operations for a campaign of sabotage against the occupying Nazi

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forces. But they were soon betrayed. A German boat attacked the cutter, killing all but one of the would-be saboteurs. The lone survivor, Jan Baalsrud, who was wounded in the fighting, then embarked on the adventure of his life. He swam icy fjords, climbed snow-covered peaks, endured snowstorms, and got caught in a monstrous avalanche—all in an attempt to elude his Gestapo pursuers. More than sixty residents of Norway's Troms District risked their lives to help Baalsrud, who was slowed by snow blindness and frostbite, on his perilous journey to freedom. "Baalsrud and his rescuers,"

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remarked the New York Times, "displayed an unbelievable level of hardheaded toughness and resilience." Defiant Courage is the amazing true story of Baalsrud's escape, which inspired the book We Die Alone and the Oscar-nominated Norwegian film Nine Lives. Meticulously researched for more than five years, Astrid Karlsen Scott and Tore Haug's account brings out the truth behind this edge-of-your-seat real-life survival tale.

"British-trained Norwegian intelligence agent, Tore Haugland, is a jøssing--a patriot--sent to a fishing village on Norway's west coast to set up a line to

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receive weapons and agents from England via the "Shetland Bus." Posing as a deaf fisherman, his mission is complicated when he falls in love with Anna Fromme, the German widow. Accused of betraying her husband, she has a young daughter and secrets of her own. Although the Allies have liberated France, the most zealous Nazis hang on in Norway, sending out agents to disembowel resistance groups. If Haugland fails, it could cost him his life and the lives of the fishermen who have joined him. When Haugland is betrayed and left for dead, he will have to find the one who betrayed him and destroyed his

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network. He will also have to prove that the one he loves was not the informer. In wartime love and trust are not always compatible."--Page [4] of cover.

The final volume of the trilogy chronicles the Allied victory in Western Europe, from the brutal struggles in Normandy and at the Battle of the Bulge to the freeing of Paris, as experienced by participants from every level of the military.

Gold Run is the true story of arguably one of the greatest gold snatches in history. It is a tale of immense bravery, endurance and great leadership of loyal Norwegians, plus a

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little good fortune and help from the British against intrigue and overwhelming odds. The German invasion of Norway on the night of April 8th/9th 1940 almost took Norway completely unawares; had it not been for the defiance of one small coastal battery, the Norwegian Royal Family, Government, and nearly 50 tons of Gold bullion would have had no chance to escape. In desperate haste the Royal Family fled Oslo by rail, dodging bombs and strafing, eventually reaching the port of Molde which was subsequently devastated by fire bombing. The gold with extraordinary ingenuity was moved by road, rail and fishing

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boat, hotly pursued by the Germans. Its weight and the need for total secrecy created unique transportation problems. After several instances of near disaster, the Norwegians managed to get the gold to the coast where the Royal Navy came to the rescue. Such was the difficulty of extricating the bullion, it was not possible to load it in one cargo, and it was taken off in three Royal Navy Cruisers, HMS Enterprise, Galatea and Glasgow, from different locations. The ships were attacked in port, then constantly harassed and bombed by the Luftwaffe as they made their way back to the UK. The loss of

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the bullion was a blow to the Germans. They had gained a country, but lost a King, a government and huge amount of bullion that would have financed their war machine. That loss is directly attributed to a visionary bank chief, a Colonel, a hastily assembled body of Norwegians and the ships and men of the Royal Navy, ever resourceful, brave and loyal to their respective countries. This is their story. Robert Pearson is a high school teacher and writer, who researches Norway in the Second World War. He is particularly passionate about the roles that the Norwegians and British played during the War,

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Naval Intelligence and the Special Operations
Executive D better known as SOE.

A Thriller

The Shetland Bus

A Novel Based on a True Story

The Winter Fortress

Defiant Courage

The Quisling Factor

Splinter Fleet

"Everyone knows about Pat Tillman, the hero who didn't come home after a tragic encounter with friendly fire in Afghanistan. Aftermath is the untold story of what happened in the accident's wake--and the fall and

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unlikely redemption of Steven Elliot, a fellow soldier behind the bullets that killed Tillman. Though Elliott was only a young man in his first gunfight, following his superior officer's direction, the shame and regret over his actions wrecked his life. In the years that followed, he suffered from PTSD, depression, and alcohol addiction--and saw no way out beyond suicide. But then a supernatural encounter with God changed everything, restored his broken marriage, and set him on the path to a new mission of helping veterans through the trauma that too often comes in the aftermath of their service. A story of war and faith, love and tragedy, and ultimate

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healing"--

From the deadly shores of North Africa to the invasion of Sicily to the fierce jungle hell of the Pacific, the contribution of the World War II Ranger Battalions far outweighed their numbers. They were ordinary men on an extraordinary mission, experiencing the full measure of the fear, exhaustion, and heroism of combat in nearly every major invasion of the war. Whether spearheading a landing force or scouting deep behind enemy lines, these highly motivated, highly trained volunteers led the way for other soldiers -- they were Rangers. With first-person interviews, in-depth research, and a complete

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appendix naming every Ranger known to have served, author Robert Black, a Ranger himself, has made the battles of WWII come to life through the struggles of the men who fought to win the greatest war the world has ever seen.

Lists annotations related to the role of the Royal Navy in World War II, categorized by naval campaigns and significant battles, allied and axis forces, and writings such as correspondence and poetry.

Hastily built at the onset of World War II to stop German U-boats from taking their toll on Allied shipping, the 110-foot wooden subchasers were the

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smallest commissioned warships in the U.S. Navy yet they saw as much action as ships ten times their size. In every theater of war these “expendable” work-horses of the fleet escorted countless convoys of slow-moving ships through submarine-infested waters, conducted endless mind-numbing anti-submarine patrols, and were used in hundreds of amphibious operations. Some subchasers worked as gunboats to search for and destroy enemy barges. Others rescued downed airmen and retrieved drowning soldiers under heavy enemy fire. During the German occupation of Norway, three American-built subchasers and their Norwegian crews came to be

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known as “The Shetlands Bus” for their clandestine work as ferries—the only link between Norway and the free world. This book, written by the commander of one of the subchasers, defines their place in naval history and gives readers a taste of life aboard the wooden warships. Ringing with authenticity, it describes the cramped quarters and unforgiving seas as well as the tenacious courage and close bonds formed by the men as they sought out the enemy and confronted nature. Long overshadowed by the larger, faster warships and more glamorous PT boats of World War II, subchasers, until now, have been mostly forgotten. This work restores the

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*plucky little ships to their hard-earned status as
significant members of the fleet.*

*How the Great Cathedral and Its Stained-Glass
Treasures Were Rescued during World War II
Occupied*

Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway

The Jøssing Affair

*The German Campaigns in Norway, Finland and the
USSR 1940–1945*

The Guns at Last Light

Gunslingers

In this extraordinary book, historian

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Tony Insall reveals how some of the most striking achievements of the Norwegian resistance were the detailed reports produced by intelligence agents living in the dangerous conditions of the country's desolate wilderness. A definitive appraisal of Anglo-Norwegian WWII cooperation, Secret Alliances provides remarkable insights into the uniquely close political relationship that afforded powerful assistance for a successful resistance movement. Using previously

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unpublished archival material from London, Oslo and Moscow, Insall explores how SIS and SOE developed productive links with their Norwegian counterparts - and examines the crucial intelligence from the Security Service and Bletchley Park codebreakers who supported their sabotage operations. Offering dramatic details on operations such as gunnerside - which targeted the heavy water plant in Vemork in order to foil the Nazis' plans to build an atomic

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**bomb - and the sinking of the Tirpitz in
November 1944, Secret Alliances is an
authoritative new perspective on some of
the most remarkable exploits of the
Second World War.**

**Panzers Forward collects photos of all
varieties of German armor, from the
smaller tanks of the early war to the
gigantic Tigers that came later, on all
fronts—North Africa, Sicily and Italy,
France, and of course the Eastern Front.
Written by a trio of experts who have**

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lived and breathed panzers for decades, the captions identify vehicles as well as their location and units, explain markings and camouflage, and give background information on the vehicles and their battles.

In November 1942, eleven months after Pearl Harbor, the U.S. launched Operation Torch, its first major offensive against the Germans. This photo chronicle covers the initial landings in Morocco and Algeria and the subsequent

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desert clashes in Tunisia as American forces under Eisenhower and Patton battled the German Afrika Korps of Erwin Rommel, the famous “Desert Fox.” Nielsen, in his own translation from his 1992 text in Norwegian (he taught English as a second language in Norway for 26 years), tells the story of the mountain guerrilla base 40 miles from Bergen where he served during the last year of WWII. This is a personal and vivid account, carefully written a

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**How a Force of Immigrants and Refugees
Helped Win World War II**

Code Name Caesar

A Memoir

Swords and Swordsmen

Exile Air

The 12th Man

**A WWII Epic of Courage, Endurance, and
Survival**

*The GI's War contains eyewitness accounts from
ordinary young men, farm hands and factory workers,
who had war thrust upon them and in the process*

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became veteran soldiers. Their unsparing narratives, presented in their own words, capture the many emotions evoked by war. GIs and their commanding officers speak freely, and movingly, of becoming soldiers, of enduring the ordeals of the various campaigns, and of fighting for their lives and their country. Vividly personal and compelling, this book puts the reader on the front lines.

The power and the glory of the D-Day landings as recounted by the men who fought their way ashore. A tale told by a master of prose this account is among the best you'll ever read of the greatest amphibious invasion ever.

"In 1940, Germany invaded and occupied Norway. The

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exiled Royal Norwegian Air Force established a training camp for its recruits in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, known as "Little Norway." The air training camp moved to Muskoka Airport near Gravenhurst, Ontario, in 1942, and remained there until near the war neared its end. Little Norway's graduates distinguished themselves in overseas battles, flying in Norwegian squadrons of Britain's Royal Air Force. Many married Canadian women and returned to Canada after the war. Canada can be proud of the assistance it provided to Norway during a dark hour. Canada enabled the Norwegians to establish the air training camp in the country and provided advanced flight training to air crews through the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Moreover, Canadians

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offered kindness and friendship to the young recruits, so far from their homes. This book tells the inspiring story of "Little Norway" and the young Norwegians who trained there."--

By the time the war clouds of Europe and Asia spilled onto the shores of the United States, the allied military found itself outmanned, outgunned and out flown. The United States, still reeling from the Great Depression, was in a technological disadvantage in all branches of the military. This included, of course, a viable air force. There have been volumes of books written about the development of US airpower and the technological specifications of each American or Allied aircraft. This is not one of them. This book focuses on the young men

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who answered the call to duty and were literally transformed from “farm boys to fighter pilots.” It offers a rare glimpse of what it was like to fly a variety of frontline fighters in World War II. From Army Air Force P-39 Aircobras, P-40 Warhawk’s, P-38 Lightning’s, P-47 Thunderbolts and P-51 Mustang’s to US Navy F4F Wildcats, F4U Corsairs and F6F Hellcats. Each story is told in descriptive detail, with the inclusion of actual combat reports contained in many of the stories. Many of the pilots depicted also achieved the status of ace with five or more aerial victories.

The War in Western Europe, 1944-1945

Lord Byron and Other Eccentrics in the War of Independence

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Dawn of D-DAY

Secret Alliances

The Consolidated PBY Catalina in WWII

Shetland Folk Tales

***The Rescue of Norway's Gold Bullion from the Nazis,
1940***

Swords and Swordsmen chronicles the major developments in the sword's design, manufacture and use from Ancient Egypt to the American Civil War. Author Mike Loades traces the history of the sword in war and the evolution of the private duel. The book takes certain surviving swords as landmarks on this journey of discovery. Each can be linked to a specific individual, allowing each sword to be discussed in the

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social and military context of its time and forming the starting point for detours through other types of sword and contemporary developments in their design, manufacture and use. From Tutankhamun to General Custer, and including a chapter on the legendary samurai Uesugi Kenshin, this book charts the lives of warriors from many ages and cultures; men whose lives often depended on their skill with the sword. Illustrated with line drawings (many derived from old fight manuals) and dozens of photographs of surviving swords, *Swords and Swordsmen* celebrates these weapons as iconic works of art and powerful cultural symbols as well as examining the lethal practicality of their use.

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The occupation of Western Europe and Scandinavia in the spring of 1940 crippled Britain's ability to gather intelligence information. After the Germans invaded Norway, many Norwegians knew that small boats were constantly sailing from the Shetland Islands to land weapons, supplies, and agents and to rescue refugees. In *The Shetland Bus*, David Howarth, who was second in command of the Shetland base, recounts the hundreds of trips made by fishing boats in the dark of Arctic winter to resist the Nazi onslaught. For the Norwegians who remained in Norway, the Shetland Bus--as this dangerous operation became known--fortified them both physically and spiritually. Nothing but war would have

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made seamen attempt such dangerous journeys. Some stretched two thousand miles in length and lasted as long as three weeks in boats only fifty to seventy-five feet long. Fishing boats crossing the North Sea were sometimes attacked and sunk in minutes, hundreds of miles from a friendly ship or shore. Their crews had no hope of being saved. But to "take the Shetland Bus" meant escape when capture became the only other option. The Shetland Bus is the amazing true-life account of storms, attacks, danger, and the heroic efforts of brave men.

The book of heroism and survival that inspired the international film of the same name. "A must-read . . . intrigue, suspense, and adventure." —The Norwegian

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American “I remember reading *We Die Alone* in 1970 and I could never forget it. Then when we went to Norway to do a docudrama, people told us again and again that certain parts were pure fiction. Since I was a Norwegian that was not good enough; I had to find the truth. I sincerely believe we did,” writes author Astrid Karlsen Scott. The *12th Man* is the true story of Jan Baalsrud, whose struggle to escape the Gestapo and survive in Nazi-occupied Norway has inspired the titular movie. In late March 1943, in the midst of WWII, four Norwegian saboteurs arrived in northern Norway on a fishing cutter and set anchor in Toftefjord to establish a base for their operations. However, they were betrayed, and a German boat

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attacked the cutter, creating a battlefield and spiraling Jan Baalsrud into the adventure of his life. The only survivor and wounded, Baalsrud begins a perilous journey to freedom, swimming icy fjords, climbing snow-covered peaks, enduring snowstorms, and getting caught in a monstrous avalanche. Suffering from snow blindness and frostbite, more than sixty people of the Troms District risk their lives to help Baalsrud to freedom. Karlsen Scott and Haug meticulously researched this book for more than five years to bring forth the truth behind this captivating, edge-of-your-seat, real-life survival story. "A compelling story of courage and triumph against incredible odds, and set against the backdrop of the

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war that was to forever change the world.” —The
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Bergen, 1942: Hitler wants Norway for a reason and
will destroy anyone who gets in his way. Rumi has lost
everyone she loves in this war and now she will fight
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Norwegian scientist's escape from German custody during the Second World War after his arrest for spying. The consolidated PBY Catalina was probably the most versatile and successful flying boat/amphibian ever built, serving not just with the US Army, Navy and Coast Guard during the Second World War, but also with the air forces of Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, with the Danes, Free French and Norwegians as well as in

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Brazil, Chile, Indonesia and elsewhere. With a remarkable lifting capacity and endurance, this long-range twin-engine aircraft could absorb a great deal of punishment and still return home after flights lasting an entire day and covering thousands of miles. It was employed as a maritime reconnaissance aircraft, as a bomber and torpedo-bomber, as an anti submarine weapon, as a mine layer, as a special operations machine and as a search-and-rescue

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craft by day and night. It ferried stores, mail and people - many of them sick and injured - across the world's oceans. In this book Andrew Hendrie tells the story of the "Flying Cats", of their achievements and exploits, of the heroism of many of the crews and the problems they had to endure.

Treason. Espionage. Revenge. In the aftermath of WWII, ex-intelligence agent Tore Haugland tries to adjust to life in his newly freed country with

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the woman he loves. But he still has to testify against a Norwegian traitor -- one of the monsters of the German occupation -- whom he helped to capture. When mysterious notes threaten Haugland and his family, he must choose between protecting them or bringing to justice the man who tortured him and destroyed the village that hid him. Challenged by injuries and recurring nightmares, he will have to rely on his former training and old Resistance

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friends to rescue his wife from the
traitor who will do anything to keep
Haugland from testifying.

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These Men Were There, June 6, 1944 The Epic Mission to Sabotage Hitler's Atomic Bomb

In the past the German General Staff had taken no interest in the military history of wars in the north and east of Europe. Nobody had ever taken into account the possibility that some day German divisions would have to fight and to winter in northern Karelia and on the Murmansk coast. (Lieutenant-General Waldemar Erfurth, German Army). Despite this statement, the German Armys first campaign in the far north was a great success: between April and June 1940 German forces totaling less than 20,000 men seized Norway, a state of

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three million people, for minimal losses. Hitlers Arctic War is a study of the campaign waged by the Germans on the northern periphery of Europe between 1940 and 1945. As Hitlers Arctic War makes clear, the emphasis was on small-unit actions, with soldiers carrying everything they needed food, ammunition and medical supplies on their backs. The terrain placed limitations on the use of tanks and heavy artillery, while lack of airfields restricted the employment of aircraft. Hitlers Arctic War also includes a chapter on the campaign fought by Luftwaffe aircraft and Kriegsmarine ships and submarines against the Allied convoys supplying the Soviet Union with aid. However, Wehrmacht resources committed to Norway and Finland were ultimately an

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unnecessary drain on the German war effort. Hitlers Arctic War is a groundbreaking study of how war was waged in the far north and its effects on German strategy.

An engrossing literary novel about a family mystery, revenge, and forgiveness by the bestselling author of Norwegian Wood and The Bell in the Lake The Sixteen Trees of the Somme is an intricately plotted and enthralling novel by the award-winning author of Norwegian Wood and The Bell in the Lake. An international bestseller and longlisted for the Dublin Literary Prize, it tells the story of Edvard and starts at his family's tree farm in Norway, where he was raised by his grandfather. The death of Edvard's parents when he was

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three has always been a mystery but he knows that the fate of his grandfather's brother, Einar, is somehow connected. One day a coffin is delivered to the farm for his grandfather, long before the grandfather's death—a meticulous, beautiful, and unique piece of craftsmanship with the hallmarks of a certain master craftsman—raising the thought that Einar isn't dead after all. Edvard is now driven to unravel the mystery of his parents' death. Following a trail of clues from Norway to the Shetland Islands to the battlefields of France and sixteen ancient walnut trees colored by poison gas in World War I, Edvard ultimately discovers a very unusual inheritance. Spanning a century and masterfully navigating themes of revenge and forgiveness, love and loneliness, The

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Sixteen Trees of the Somme displays the rich talents of Lars Mytting—whose novels have sold over a million copies worldwide—in a story that is utterly compelling and unforgettable.

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Red Bones**

Bjørn West, Norwegian Guerrilla Base, 1944-1945

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