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You'll Die In Singapore: The True Account Of One Of The Most Amazing POW Escapes In WWII



Synopsis

Weakened by hunger, thirst and ill-treatment, author Charles McCormac, then a World War Two prisoner-of-war in Japanese-occupied Singapore, knew that if he did not escape he would die. With sixteen others he broke out of Pasir Panjang camp and began an epic two-thousand-mile escape from the island of Singapore, through the jungles of Indonesia to Australia. With no compass and no map, and only the goodwill of villagers and their own wits to rely on, the British and Australian POWs' escape took a staggering five months and only two out of the original seventeen men survived. *You'll Die in Singapore* is Charles McCormac's compelling true account of one of the most horrifying and amazing escapes in World War Two. It is a story of courage, endurance and compassion, and makes for a very gripping read.

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Customer Reviews

A well written and very interesting story of men who valued a try for freedom over all its danger over life in a Japanese death camp. I really enjoyed every step of their amazing journey. I'm a retired Marine Corps officer and I've about run out of interesting Korean and Vietnam War books. Now I'm

backtracking to WW II. I love great true stories and am not entertained by the too many hero war novels which are a waste of time and money. I recommend this book as a great read even though the journey these men took is almost unbelievable. They had a hundred lifetimes of adventure in their months of journey to freedom. Book also provides more insight into those who help U.S, and allied people escape Japanese cruelty. I sometimes wonder if they are available for the Japanese to read. I served/lived in Japan for a few years during my Marine Corps career, even out among the Japanese and never saw the cruelty the Japanese Army exhibited. But know it was there during the second world war.

I echo the comments of the other reviewers in stating this book is superb! I am an Escape Aficionado - I have read probably two dozen books dealing with POWs - and this is one of the best! That human beings are able to keep pushing on in the deplorable conditions McCormac recounts is a tribute to the human spirit. McCormac's writing puts you in the midst of the action - a truly gripping read. McCormac's story is recounted (amongst others) in the good book *Escape-Or Die*, by Paul Brickhill (who also wrote "The Great Escape". Other Escape/POW books recommended are "Sitting it Out" (by author of *Von Ryan's Express*) Westheimer, *Escaper's Progress* (David James), *Escape from the Rising Sun* (Ian Skidmore), *Long Way Back to the River Kwai* (Velmans), *Escape from Corregidor* (Whitcomb) and *South from Corregidor* (John Morrill), *Lonely Vigil* (Walter Lord) and *The War Journal of Major Damon "Rocky" Gause: The Firsthand Account of One of the Greatest Escapes of World War II*. Enjoy!

This interesting account exemplifies the extremes of human behavior brought about by war. The courage of Charles McCormack and his fellow escapees and their hunger to survive against all odds....The extreme cruelty of their Japanese captors, committing atrocities that are difficult for the average person of today to comprehend.... The kindness of the many people who helped these brave men to overcome the odds against them. People with nothing to gain from doing so. This book is one of the best accounts of the suffering and triumphs of survivors of the Japanese prison camps that I have ever read. Well written and exciting. I couldn't put it down. Highly recommended.

I loved this book and highly recommend it to anyone, except perhaps Japanese (since they were the strong and menacing protagonists in this book).The story represents a great testament to the multi-faceted aspects of humanity, accentuated by crisis.

really good and true book great to read

I have read many books of the 2nd world war. this one stands out as remarkably one of the very best i have read. knowing the barbaric nature of the japanese military at that period of time and the author is so well versed in his writing, i could not put it down .Do not miss this if you can find it!!

This book was a good read. A remarkable story of courage and resourcefulness in the face of adversity.

Once again I'm astonished with what the human spirit and body can endure. This book stands up with Unbroken. Read it if not for any other reason than this is a tale no one should forget.

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