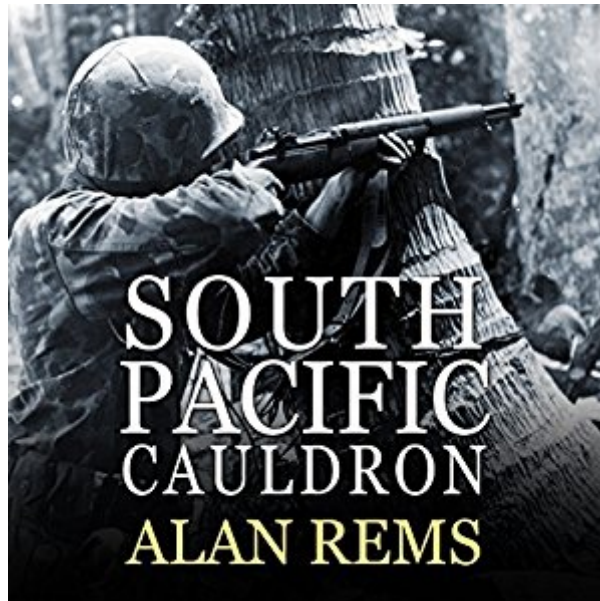




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South Pacific Cauldron is the first complete history embracing all land, sea, and air operations in the Pacific War. Unlike most other World War II accounts, this work covers the South Pacific operations in detail. The audiobook includes many now-forgotten operations that deserve to be well remembered. Significantly, the official Australian history of World War II correctly observed that Australia's part in the Pacific war is barely mentioned in American histories. This volume finally brings the major Australian contribution to the fore. The dramatis personae could hardly be improved upon, including brilliant and imperious General Douglas MacArthur, audacious and profane Admiral William "Bull" Halsey, and bibulous and indelicate Australian General Thomas Blamey. As for the fighting men, many of their stories are captured in accounts of the actions for which they were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, Victoria Cross, and other decorations for valor.

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Customer Reviews

As I read the first chapter, I wanted to quit. As I got into the second chapter, I felt the same way. But I kept reading and the more I read, the more interesting it I found it. The author is relating little known battles and the politics of war, especially among those in a command and the petty jealousies. I'm used to reading memoirs and the experiences of individual stories, by a soldier or group. If you're looking for that type of book, this is not the one for you. This is a history book. The one criticism I have is Mr. Rems has way too much detailed information packed into a book less

than 350 pages long. Still though, it's worth reading. Heck, until this book, I never knew there was a Guppy Island, let alone a fight there.

Interesting and informative, at least to me (except for Guadalcanal, very few television documentaries address activity in the South Pacific and Southwest Pacific - unfortunately, my primary source of WW2 history apparently has been television)

Having always wondered what happened in the South Pacific theatre after the focus of the Pacific war moved toward the Central Pacific and here is a great summary of the forgotten or less publicized battles in the South Pacific all the way through Japan's surrender. The volume is well researched and a great summary. That said, the summary is just that, and leaves the reader wanting more depth. A commendable effort that illuminates a later forgotten theater of the war.

Very good read about the South Pacific campaign of WWII. Thorough.

A well written history, but maps and charts in kindle are lacking in detail and difficult or impossible to read. Do not buy any book that contains maps or charts in Kindle format. Get the hard copy.

Interesting and helpful history of some of the lesser known battles of the Pacific theater.

The book has a lot of good information in it related to the military units that fought in the Southwest Pacific Command area. The problem I had with it was that there was not the detail I expected. Wrong thought by me as to what I expected. The book was pretty good as to what went on with the fighting and the islands where the different units fought and some of the naval action. The author did a good job writing the book, as it has been 70 years since these military campaigns were fought. Overall, it was a good read but not as good as I had hoped.

An excellent book. The interactions between McArthur and the Navy were most interesting. This is the first book I have seen on the war in the South Pacific. The Australian and New Zealand participation was discussed in detail.

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