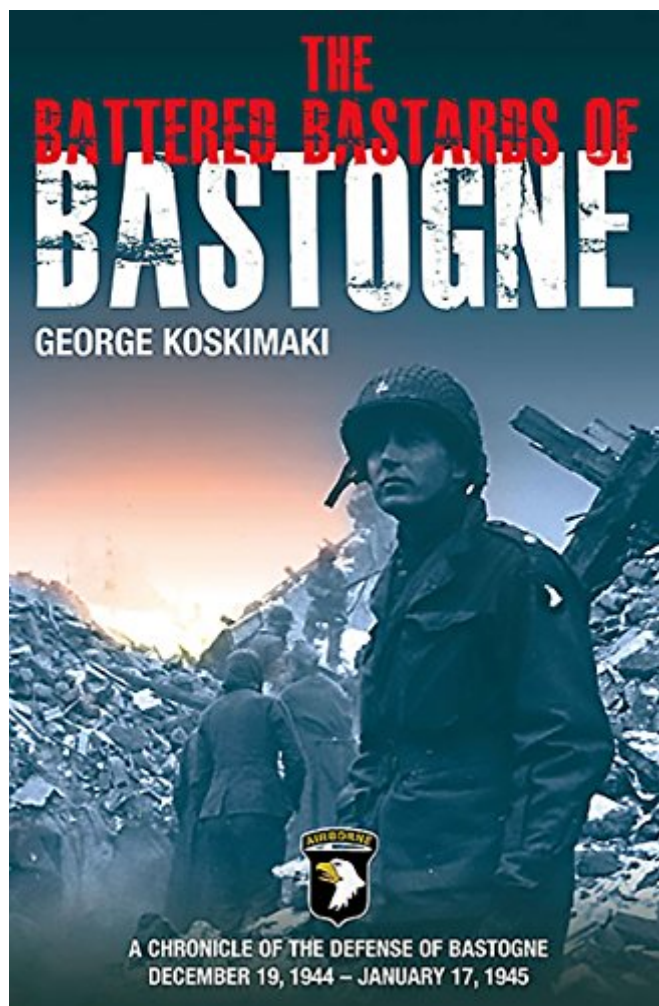


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The Battered Bastards Of Bastogne



Synopsis

The Battered Bastards of Bastogne is the product of contributions by 530 soldiers who were on the ground or in the air over Bastogne. They lived and made this history, and much of it is told in their own words. The material contributed by these men of the 101st Airborne Division, the Armor, Tank Destroyer, Army Air Force, and others is tailored meticulously by the author and placed on the historical framework known to most students of the Battle of the Bulge. Pieces of a nearly 60-year-old jigsaw puzzle come together in this book, when memoirs from one soldier fit with those of another unit or group pursuing the battle from another nearby piece of terrain.

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Such a mesmerizing read. There is nothing like reading first hand narratives of crazy experiences and you don't get more crazy than what these brave soldiers experienced. My heart breaks for some of these men as they never made it home and jumps for joy with a little smile for those who escaped death by a whisker and a sense of humor. I am proud to be the niece of one of these men, the greatest generation!

This is the third in a trilogy detailing the 101st Airborne action in the European theater. Hundreds of personal accounts are woven together to provide an excellent day-by-day (sometimes hour-by-hour) description of events during the last major German offensive of WWII in Dec 44-Jan 45, more commonly referred to as the Battle of the Bulge. The arrangement of chapters in chronological order with associated maps provided a clear picture of the events as they unfolded. This wasn't always the case in the author's previous book related to the Market Garden campaign in the fall of '44. Don't be fooled by the title into thinking this is focused solely on the 101st Airborne. Other armor, artillery, and aviation units that participated are represented in the story as well.

I grew up knowing one of the Battered Bastards of Bastogne, and I spent many evenings listening to him tell stories about these events. This book has given me more insight into the lives of the brave soldiers who served during the war. The book can be a little hard to follow, since it is basically takes the pieces of the actual soldier's stories and ties them together. But it is worth the time to understand what it was like to overcome the obstacles of every day life during one of the most interesting battles of WWII. It was definitely bravery above and beyond the call of duty.

i love this book! the writer does a great job. i also purchased the other 2 that goes with it. my grandfather was in WWII & was a screaming eagle in the 101st. this is an eye opener as to what soldiers endure

The author's writing this book from personal accounts written by veterans who were there makes this book exceptional. Reading the first hand accounts is a real eye opener.

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