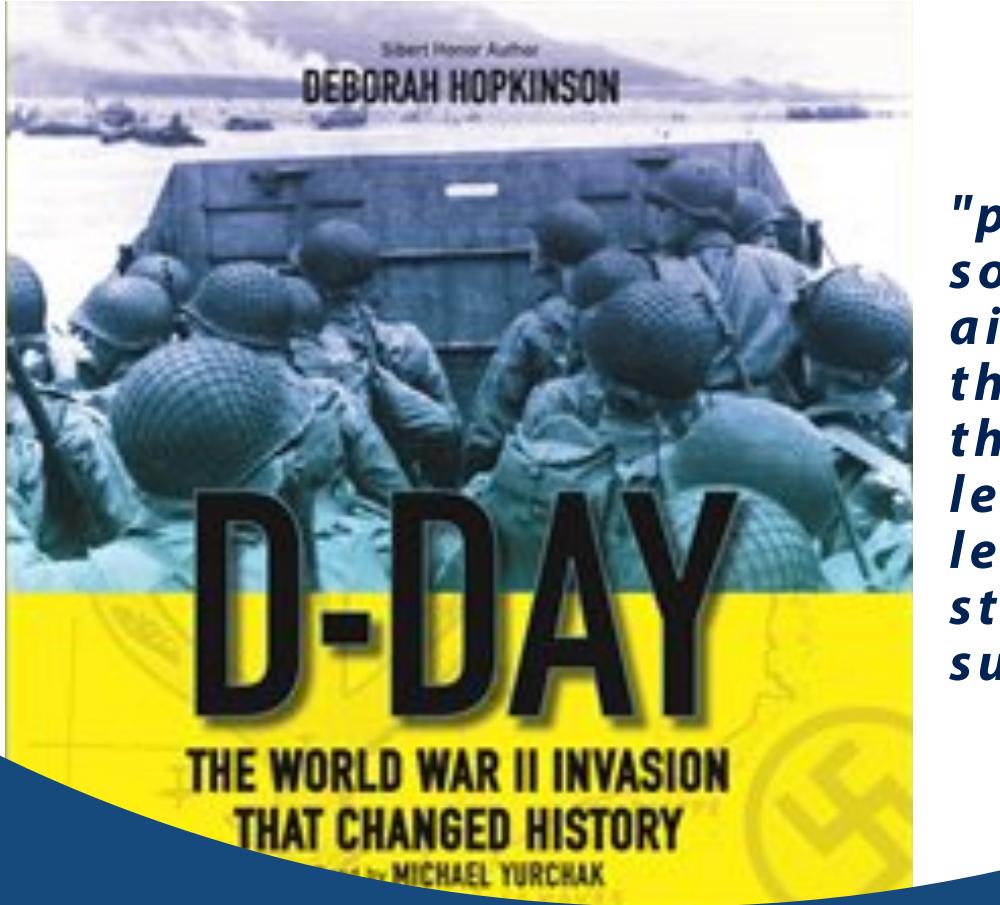


D-DAY

THE WORLD WAR II INVASION
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I admit up front that I'm a history nut, so I love this book. But it's written to make it readable for the non-history buff. Hopkinson uses the personal stories of soldiers, sailors and airmen (many of them were teens themselves). It's less like a history lesson and more of a story of how to survive in war.

D-Day was a very complex operation, and she simplifies it by focusing on the U.S. troops. She also puts a good deal of the "dry" history parts in the end, in a section called "Quartermaster's Department." Included at the end of each chapter are links for more information online.

If you are interested in war history, this is a great place to start. Don't let the length scare you off—a lot of that is diagrams, pictures, bibliography and notes (after all, it is non-fiction). Social issues: discussion of race relations and women's issues in the armed forces.



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