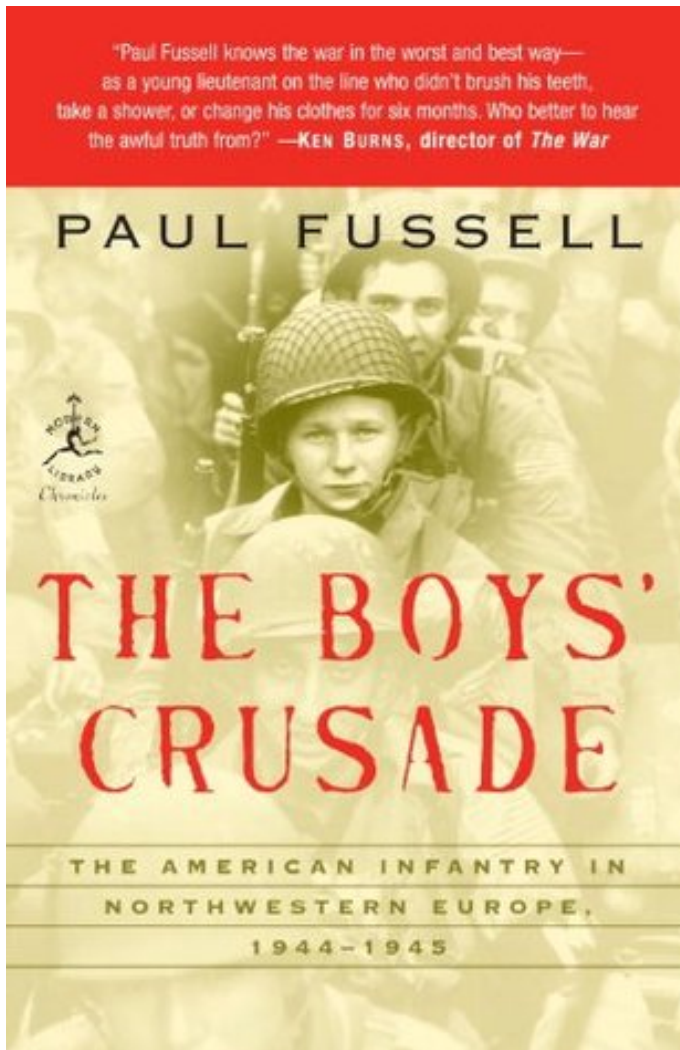

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Description

The Boys' Crusade is the great historian Paul Fussell's unflinching and unforgettable account of the American infantryman's experiences in Europe during World War II. Based in part on the author's own experiences, it provides a stirring narrative of what the war was actually like, from the point of view of the children—for children they were—who fought it. While dealing definitively with issues of strategy, leadership, context, and tactics, Fussell has an additional purpose: to tear away the veil of feel-good mythology that so often obscures and sanitizes war's brutal essence.

"A chronicle should deal with nothing but the truth," Fussell writes in his Preface. Accordingly, he eschews every kind of sentimentalism, focusing instead on the raw action and human emotion triggered by the intimacy, horror, and intense sorrows of war, and honestly addressing the errors, waste, fear, misery, and resentments that plagued both sides. In the vast literature on World War II, *The Boys' Crusade* stands wholly apart. Fussell's profoundly honest portrayal of these boy soldiers underscores their bravery even as it deepens our awareness of their experiences. This book is both a tribute to their noble service and a valuable lesson for future generations.

From the Hardcover edition.

Insightful reviews

James Payne: One of my favorite writers. Fussell is consistently wry, erudite, and able to maintain a strong social conscience while dodging the didactic. I loved the material on the U.S. Army's internal racism abroad, the differing sexual appetites of women in various host countries, and the effects of the Allies' late uncovering of the Nazi's forced labor and concentration camps. Primed me for Fussell's other book on WW11. Bummed this dude is dead.

Tim: Fussell's little book, *The Boys' Crusade*, follows the American infantry soldier from convoy, England and D-Day to the discovery of Dachau. It is not an all-inclusive history, but a series of short episodes and stories that elevate the infantrymen, while diluting all notions of "The Good War" with probing criticism of the Allied command. Having read Fussell's *Wartime* and *Doing Battle*, I knew what I was getting into here - his anger at having been in the infantry himself is evident, but not overwhelming. The stories are compelling and while not claiming to be conclusive or complete, they certainly are moving. He points out the youth and rawness of the soldiers (the boys of the title), especially the "replacements" coming into established units for casualties. It is a quick read that tells a little bit (because the complete story can never be told) of what life was like fighting the Germans in WWII.

Betsy D: Insights into what was likely my father's experience in France in 1944-5.

Mallon: This used to be my Dad's battle (a veteran of the Bulge) -- plenty and many to imagine about.

Andrew: A clean holiday from Stephen Ambrose-style, maximum Generation™ hagiographies that muddle the bookshelves those days. Too undesirable Fussell does not have Ambrose's storytelling ability. Too undesirable too that this ebook is so cursory, illuminating such a lot of darkish places, simply to in short skim over them. in any case I felt as if i used to be analyzing the Coles' Notes for a way more fascinating book.Regardless, a desirable and sobering examine a few very gruesome elements of WWII, written via a guy who used to be there.

Tom Schulte: This was once a brief and simple examine WWII within the ETO with specialise in younger infantry recruits. What made it detailed used to be occasional examples of eloquence.Two rates I quite like:[Hitler] radioed Kluge: "I command the assault be prosecuted daringly and recklessly to the ocean — despite risk... maximum daring, determination, mind's eye needs to provide wings to all echelons of command. every guy needs to think in victory." (Phrases like "I command," "give wings to," and "must believe" are natural Hitler, energy nuttiness wedded to Viennese sentimentality.) there have been really lots of intelligence experiences of reinforced German job in the back of their line: heavy tank noise used to be heard and noted; spotter planes observed and taken again information of strange armored- car concentrations hiding in forests. So the matter used to be probably not paucity of proof and data. It was, as so often, complacency and the lust for highbrow convenience overriding the which means of evidence. The Americans' Ardennes intelligence failure takes its position in a protracted line of similar, it sounds as if inexplicable sleek events, just like the failure of radar to express that giant teams of eastern planes have been forthcoming Pearl Harbor.

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