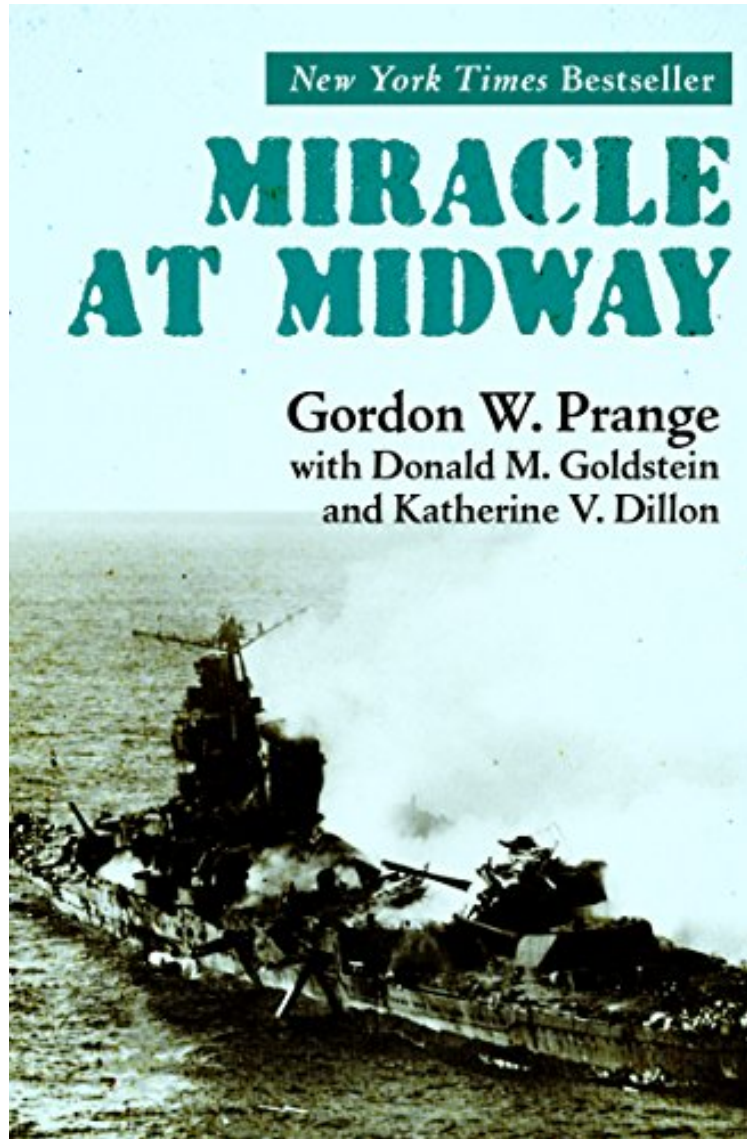


[Ebook free] Miracle at Midway (English Edition)

Miracle at Midway (English Edition)

Von Gordon Prange, Donald M. Goldstein, Katherine V. Dillon
DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub



[Download](#)

[Read Online](#)

Produktinformation -Verkaufsrank: #925571 in eBooksVerffentlicht am: 2014-05-06Erscheinungsdatum: 2014-05-06File Name: B00JOW20UI | File size: 73.Mb

Von Gordon Prange, Donald M. Goldstein, Katherine V. Dillon : Miracle at Midway (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Miracle at Midway (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Terrific Entertaining Narrative of The Midway 'Miracle'!Von Barron LaycockJust how fortunate the United States was in winning the closely contested navy engagement at Midway in the central Pacific in mid 1942 is evident to any reader

of this very well documented and quite balanced account of one of the largest and most famous exchanges between the US navy and their Japanese counterparts during the course of World War Two. By using extensive inputs from both Japanese and American participants and observers of the sea battle, the authors thread together a memorable and engaging narrative of the events leading up to and involving both sides during the summer months of that fateful year. It was one for the record books, and one that demonstrated conclusively that the rules of war at sea had changed forever from one dominated by capital ships like battleships and cruisers to one dominated by aircraft carriers and attack airplanes. In the devastating aftermath of Pearl Harbor, the American Navy was looking for an opportunity to engage the Japanese in a "mano-a-mano" confrontation, hoping to even the odds and shorten the war by using what we felt would be surprise and tactics to overcome the numerical advantage the Japanese enjoyed in numbers of both ships (especially in terms of aircraft carriers) and launchable aircraft. Even though the Japanese had blundered badly at the battle of the Coral Sea, they left the scene believing the fracas had been won, and that they had further damaged the American fleet by sinking three carriers. And though the U.S. Navy did in fact limp away having lost some of its few carriers either through sinking or damage, in actuality they had inflicted more damage than they had incurred. Furthermore, soon one of the badly damaged U. S. Navy carriers (the Yorktown) would be repaired and ready to sail in support of the Midway engagement. Also, by cracking certain aspects of the Japanese Navy's wireless communication codes, the Americans were able to determine not only what the Japanese were ostensibly planning in terms of a strategy to take Midway, but also what the specific positioning and disposition of the various aspects of the Japanese naval force would be. Obviously, this information added to the element of surprise gave the Americans a huge tactical advantage, and made victory much more possible. Yet it did not guarantee anything. It was the tactical brilliance and contemporaneous innovation of the on-site commanders in the American force that won the day. In a series of engagements that did not change the course of the battle until the last few remaining waves of American aircraft suddenly sank or damaged the majority of the Japanese carriers, the Americans succeeded both through their own daring and a few fatal tactical errors on the part of the Japanese commanders. The results were devastating for the Japanese, who never again could muster the kind of raw carrier power, or just as importantly, ever replace the huge number of experienced carrier-based aircraft pilots needed to successfully engage and threaten the expanding American task forces that within another 12 to 18 months would virtually transform the character of the war in the Pacific, leading the Japanese into waging an almost suicidal war of attrition which they had no chance to win. This is a well-written, well-documented, and entertaining book that helps the reader to understand just how critical to both the Americans and the Japanese the fateful naval engagement at Midway was, and how the results determined the course of the rest of the war in the Pacific. Enjoy!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The definitive account of the Battle of Midway Von rjohno@ix.netcom.com In this book, Prangue recounts the many converging destinies of the Battle of Midway. For the Japanese, Midway was the focus of the war in 1942. Jimmy Doolittle had bombed Tokyo in April and even though the damage was slight, the thinking in the Japanese military shifted from one of offense to defense. Midway was the crux. Only 1200 mi. from Pearl Harbor, the capture of Midway would allow the Japanese to wage war at will against the US's last Pacific outpost and in turn, secure the homeland from aggression. Admiral Nimitz had but 3 carriers to commit to battle, one of which, the Yorktown, had been heavily damaged in the battle of the Coral Sea but at his urging, had been repaired in a slam bang fashion and committed to the battle. Prangue pays respect to the contribution of luck, cunning and selflessness that so characterises many battles. Nimitz knew that the Japanese were itching for the 'mother of all battles' which would eliminate the US Pacific Fleet. The question was 'where'. That question was answered by the fledgling Naval Intelligence Service which conjured up a way to get the Japanese to show their hand and allow Nimitz to ignore bogus attacks in Alaska and concentrate on the real target, Midway. This book has it all: the arrogance of the Japanese command, the shrewd gambles of the American commanders, the triumph of luck and ingenuity, the heartbreak of failure that cost the US a carrier, the actual relinquishing of authority of one American commander to another in the heat of battle because 'it was the right thing to do'. Even the side stories have real meanings. Prangue tells of the loss of a single Zero fighter plane in the faux attack of Alaska. The plane was recovered, analyzed and the result was the Grumman F6F Hellcat fighter, which, after many previous failed attempts, was the plane that finally outclassed the Zero and achieved superiority in the Pacific war. Buy the book.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Quick reply to Pearl Harbor Von John L. Hoh Jr. After the devastation of the American Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941, conventional wisdom held that it would take months, maybe years, for the Americans to recover and be of sufficient strength to mount a defense and ultimate counter-attack. But several key issues proved this wrong: America had already been making war material for Lend/Lease and the aircraft carriers the Japanese were hoping would be at Pearl Harbor were not at Pearl Harbor. Midway would be the turning point in the war and this book gives a chronology to the events leading up to the battle and the battle itself. This battle, more than any before it, would affirm the place of aviation in battle. The battleships in this battle never saw each other, much less fight each other. In the battle, America sustained damage to its carrier fleet, while Japan took a huge hit upon its carrier forces. This would set the tone for the rest of the Pacific Theater, as the author succinctly points out. The Japanese had to have islands to fly and refuel aircraft; the Americans still had their mobile, floating aircraft islands. A must read for anyone who wants to know the turning point in the Pacific Theatre in

WWII.

Kurzbeschreibung The inside story of the historic battle that turned the tide in the war for the Pacific Six months after Pearl Harbor, the seemingly invincible Imperial Japanese Navy prepared a decisive blow against the United States. After sweeping through Asia and the South Pacific, Japans military targeted the tiny atoll of Midway, an ideal launching pad for the invasion of Hawaii and beyond. The United States Navy would be waiting for them. Thanks to cutting-edge code-breaking technology, tactical daring, and a huge stroke of luck, the Americans under Admiral Chester W. Nimitz dealt the Japanese navy its first major defeat of the war. Three years of hard fighting remained, but it was at Midway that the tide turned. This vivid, in-depth bestseller is the first book to tell the story of the epic battle from both the American and Japanese sides. In *Miracle at Midway*, Gordon W. Prange, Donald M. Goldstein, and Katherine V. Dillon show how America won its first and greatest victory of the Pacific war and how easily it could have been a defeat.