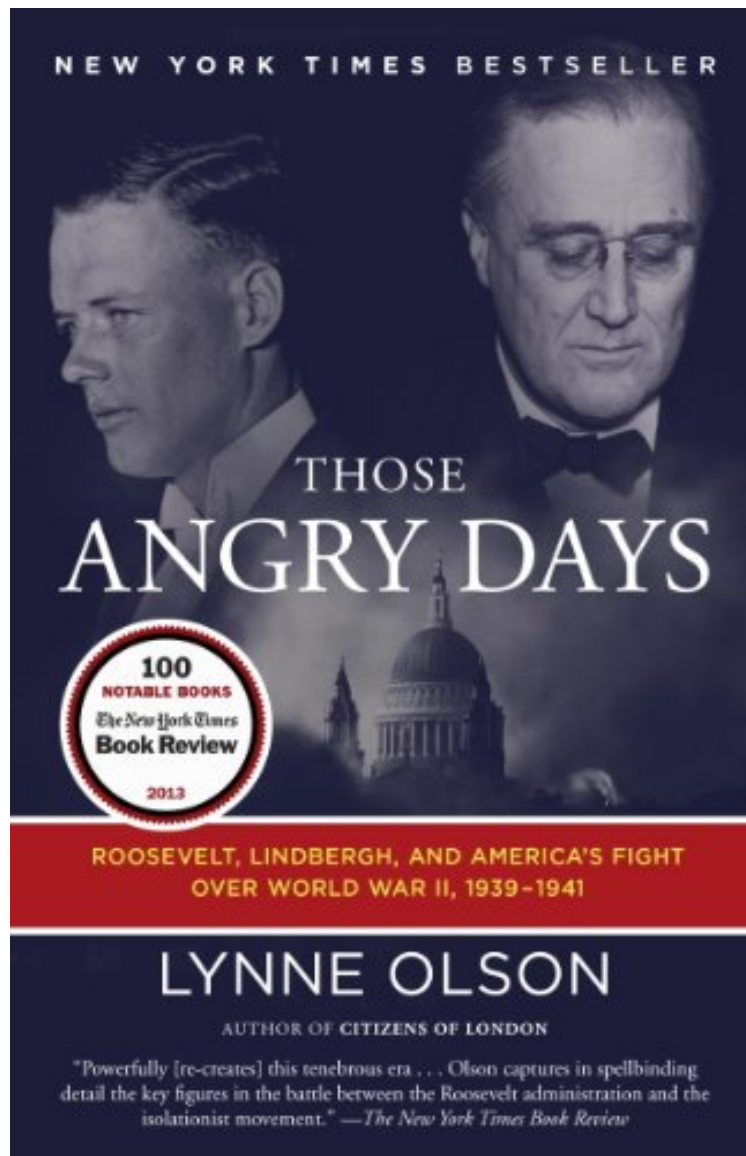


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Intriguing Story...Magnificent Story Teller
Von James Gallen
We often think of World War II as The Good War that enjoyed universal support. "Those Angry Days" reminds us that such was not so at the beginning and that America's entry was, in many respects, a close run thing. This book examines the debate over America's involvement in the war that took place from 1939-1941. Although including many names we recognize, it focuses on President Franklin Roosevelt who was maneuvering to lead America into the war, and aviation hero Charles Lindbergh who was the most prominent isolationist opposing American entry. Author Lynne Olson skillfully lays out the characters, famous and obscure, as she guides the reader through the sequence of events that led to the fateful decision to become a belligerent. Senators Burton Wheeler, Gerald Nye, Robert Taft and William Borah led the opposition to anything that threatened to bring the war closer to America's shores. The isolationist America First organization's records included names that would later become famous including future Supreme Court justice Potter Stewart, future Ambassador to the Court of St. James, Kingman Brewster, Sargent, Gerald Ford and Gore Vidal. Although not a member, John F. Kennedy sent a contribution. Publisher William Allen White led the opposition "Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies". Even the military was divided with Gen. Marshall and CNO Stark both opposing early aid to Britain as a drain on America's own defense. Air Force Gen. Hap Arnold was suspected as being the source of a potentially damaging leak while other officers undermined efforts to bring America into the ranks of the warring powers. British Ambassador Lord Lothian played a major role in swaying of American opinion toward Britain. One key shifting point was when the generally isolationist Republican Party nominated interventionist Wendell Wilkie for President in 1940, eliminating the war as a campaign issue that year. These personalities contested a series of issues. Repeal of the Neutrality act, Lend Lease, renewal of the draft, the Cash and Carry sale of war materials are just a few of the battles fought by interventionists and isolationists. Throughout it all, the now seemingly invincible FDR played a political hand weakened by his failed court packing scheme. As the title indicates, anger and hatred were distinguishing characteristics of public discourse at that time. Sen. Wheeler's comment that FDR's foreign policy would "plow every fourth boy under" and the claim that "Adolf Hitler nominated Wilkie" are just two examples of the invectives hurled by each side. Amidst all the dramatis personae Olson keeps returning to the Lindberghs, Charles and Anne, whose reputations rose and fell with the popularity of their public positions on the issues of war and peace. The books they wrote and the speeches they made are followed in detail. America's great issues of 1939-1940 weave a complex web that this book seeks to unravel. The storyline is intriguing. The story teller is magnificent. The two cannot be better matched. The author examines each character, with flaws and virtues, and probes each story from every angle. I was impressed by Lynne Olson's "Citizens of London" (see my review) but this may have even outdone it. For anyone who has ever pondered the question of how America entered World War II "Those Angry Days" is the "go to" book.
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Von Bernie
We all know that Britain suckered us into the war. But wait; now let's get the complete picture of what everyone was really thinking not just doing. We get a complete picture of each of the major players and actually pictures of the different people from the time in context. Her writing is well rounded and she is empathetic to each view. This is one book that you do not want to overlook as just more history. Oh di I forget to mention that Lynn Olson is an interesting writer, not dry and boring.

Kurzbeschreibung
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW AND KIRKUS REVIEWS
From the acclaimed author of Citizens of London comes the definitive account of the debate over American intervention in World War II a bitter, sometimes violent clash of personalities and ideas that divided the nation and ultimately determined the fate of the free world. At the center of this controversy stood the two most famous men in America: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who championed the interventionist cause, and aviator Charles Lindbergh, who as unofficial leader and spokesman for America's isolationists emerged as the president's most formidable adversary. Their contest of wills personified the divisions within the country at large, and Lynne Olson makes masterly use of their dramatic personal stories to create a poignant and riveting narrative. While FDR, buffeted by political pressures on all sides, struggled to marshal public support for aid to Winston Churchill's Britain, Lindbergh saw his heroic reputation besmirched and his marriage thrown into turmoil by allegations that he was a Nazi sympathizer. Spanning the years 1939 to 1941, Those Angry Days vividly re-creates the rancorous internal squabbles that gripped the United States in the period leading up to Pearl Harbor. After Germany vanquished most of Europe, America found itself torn between its traditional isolationism and the urgent need to come to the aid of Britain, the only country still battling Hitler. The conflict over intervention was, as FDR noted, a dirty fight, rife with chicanery and intrigue, and Those Angry Days recounts every bruising detail. In Washington, a group of high-ranking military officers, including the Air Force chief of staff, worked to sabotage FDR's pro-British policies. Roosevelt, meanwhile, authorized FBI wiretaps of Lindbergh and other opponents of intervention. At the same time, a covert British operation, approved by the president, spied on antiwar groups, dug up dirt on congressional isolationists, and planted propaganda in U.S. newspapers. The stakes could not have been higher. The

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