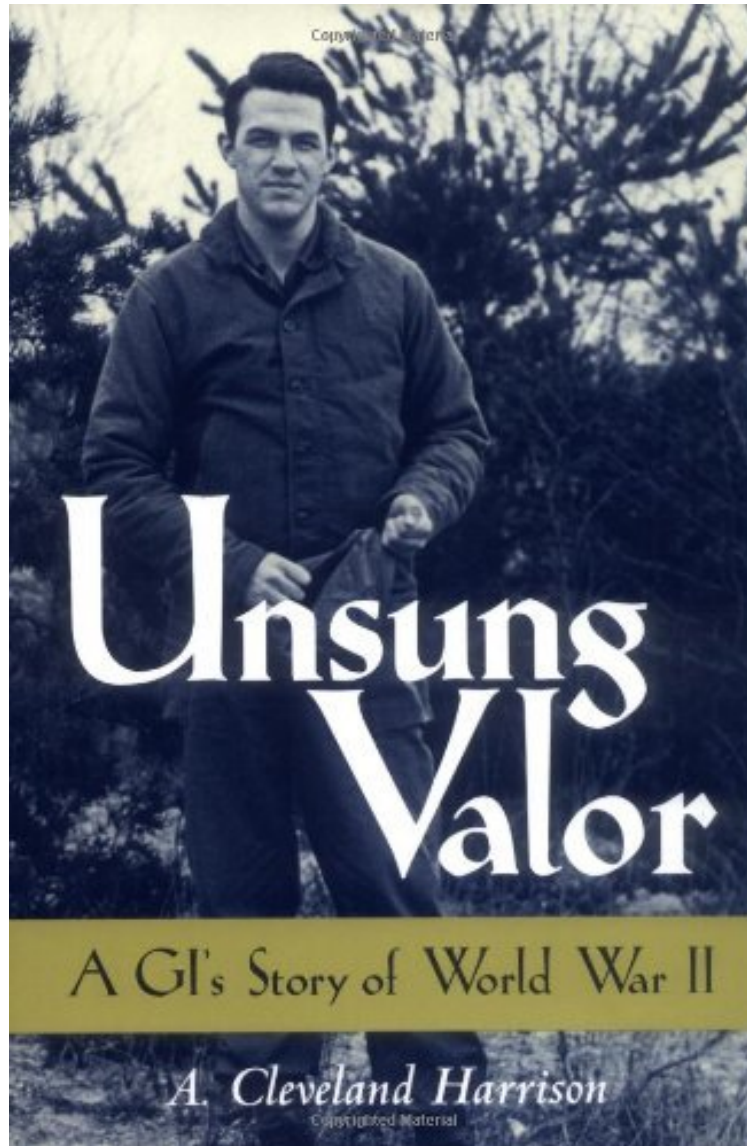


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Von Allie Cleveland Harrison, A. Cleveland Harrison : *Unsung Valor: A GI's Story of World War II* before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *Unsung Valor: A GI's Story of World War II*:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More than a book for guys!Von a woman reader*Unsung Valor: A GI's Story of World War II* is a war memoir that will appeal to women as much as men. Cleveland Harrison's recollections reach deeper and wider emotionally than the

usual battlefield tales. The reluctant draftee's journey from basic training to college, to combat, and finally to occupation duty in Germany does not put women off with a lot of combat details but strikes a nice balance between the military and the human emotions. Harrison's descriptions of his sensations in every place and time are so detailed and clear that one learns to care what happens to him and his buddies. A reluctant but good soldier, who was surprisingly innocent and firm in his integrity, Harrison reveals more of his attitudes toward women than is ordinarily found in military narratives. His respect and relations with his mother and his college sweetheart (to whom he is secretly engaged), and the women he later encounters in training and service--a math professor and a group of sorority sisters at college, nurses in military hospitals, State Department officers and secretaries, and WACs in military government overseas--make *Unsung Valor* a unique wartime reading experience for women.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Joe College to Returning Veteran--WWII Era MaturationVon Keith B. PylesAs a Navy veteran of WWII, I was moved to tears by Harrison's descriptions of salad days in college--street car dating, sox hops, prom dance intermissions with a coke and burger--hold the onions, please--shattered by a call to duty in the military services. The process of turning pacifist leaning teen-agers into man-killing, physically and mentally hardened combatants is grippingly and humorously related by descriptions of barracks hi-jinks, interminable waiting, and mystifying commands. Combat scenes with all the horror and gore one can imagine as well as sensitively told gripping fear hold the reader spellbound. In a blinding snowstorm, with a leaderless unit, Harrison, after being felled by a land mine, and a few of his comrades made it back to American lines. He was later decorated with a Purple Heart and for his distinguished service in post-war military government in Germany. This is a story all young adults are encouraged to read for a sensitive perspective of one man's fears, hopes, dreams, and the sacrifices he and his cohorts made to keep America free. . Charles B. Pyles0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Required Reading for Little Rock High School Class of 1942Von Joe Tyler Hart Sr.I found this book to be extremely factual. It tells the story of a young midwestern youth drafted into the United States Army in actuality against his will. It is a book I could not put down once I started. There are parts of the book dealing with Little Rock, Arkansas that brought tears to my eyes. All I had to do was close my eyes and remember Little Rock, Basic training and life after basic training. I spent 23.5 years in the United States Air Force and flew a combat tour in Europe in B-17s while the author was on the ground in combat in Europe. The combat descriptions in the book are very real and although my combat was in the air over Europe the fears and feelings of a 19 year old are perfectly described in the book. I am of the opinion this book would be very helpful to all members of our Congress of the United States who have not had the privilege of basic training and or combat duty in the Armed Forces. I am in the 3rd reread of this book and I find it fantastic.

KurzbeschreibungThis is the memoir of thirty riveting months in the life of a common infantryman, one among the "citizen soldiers" who took the Allies to victory.KurzbeschreibungThis is the memoir of thirty riveting months in the life of a common infantryman, one among the "citizen soldiers" who took the Allies to victory.Synopsis When drafted into the army in 1943, A. Cleveland Harrison was a reluctant eighteen-year-old Arkansas student sure that he would not make a good soldier. But inside thirty months he manfully bore arms and more. This book is his memoir about becoming a soldier, a common infantryman among the ranks of those who truly won the war. After the Allied victory in 1945, books by and about the major statesmen, generals, and heroes of World War II appeared regularly. Yet millions of American soldiers who helped achieve and secure victory slipped silently into civilian life, trying to forget the war and what they had done. Most remain unsung, for virtually none thought of themselves as exceptional. During the war ordinary soldiers had only done what they believed their country expected. This veteran's memoir reveals all aspects of military life and sings of those valorous but ordinary soldiers who achieved the victory.