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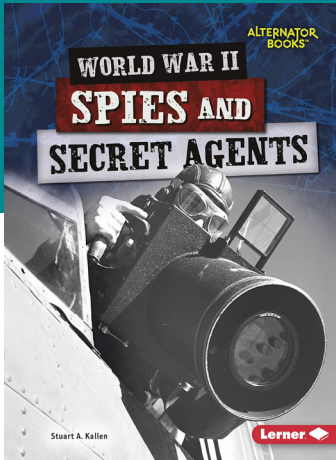
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Book Review

Heroes of World War II: Attack on Pearl Harbor

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Rating

Outstanding

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The morning of December 7, 1941, on Oahu seemed a day like any other. But when the bombs began to fall, the United States, and ultimately the world, would never be the same again. Lisa Owens tells the story of that day through witnesses and historians. The perspective of soldiers, civilians, nurses, and even young girls are shared in this book. The attack on Pearl Harbor lasted three hours, and left 3,581 United States citizens (both military and civilian) dead. The heroic acts of those present that day saved many lives, but left them with memories of a day they will never forget. The attack on Pearl Harbor led the United States to declare war on Japan and enter the conflict of World War II. This prominent event in United States history will be better understood by those who read this book.

Attack on Pearl Harbor contains the crucial information needed to grasp this infamous day in history. The nonfiction text features in this book assist readers in deepening their understanding. The book's table of contents contains sequential chapters that help readers comprehend the timeline of what happened. There is a full color map at the beginning of the book to show where the events took place. Additionally, the book is filled with photographs that help capture the terror of what happened that day. Besides the general passage retelling the events of that day, the author includes feature boxes that highlight the heroic acts of Americans that day, like Doris Miller, who manned a machine gun and shot down enemy aircraft. The book also contains STEM feature boxes that explain the technology of the day, such as the radar systems used. The nonfiction texts features included in this book make it a very valuable resource for young readers who want to learn about a tragic event that changed our nation's history forever.