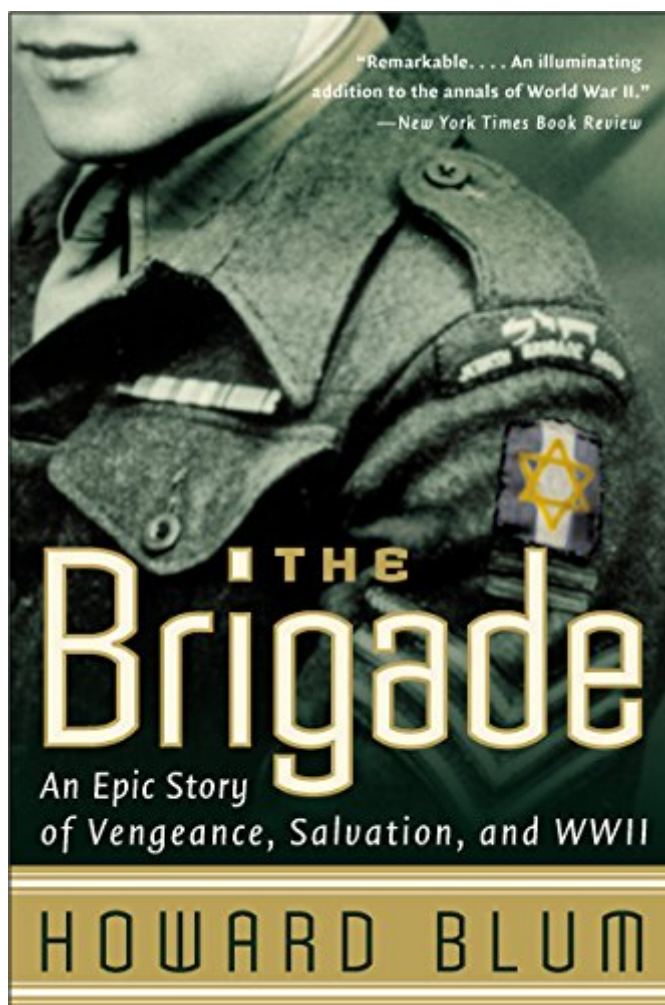




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The Brigade: An Epic Story Of Vengeance, Salvation, And WWII



Synopsis

November 1944. The British government finally agrees to send a brigade of 5,000 Jewish volunteers from Palestine to Europe to fight the German army. But when the war ends and the soldiers witness firsthand the horrors their people have suffered in the concentration camps, the men launch a brutal and calculating campaign of vengeance, forming secret squads to identify, locate, and kill Nazi officers in hiding. Their own ferocity threatens to overwhelm them until a fortuitous encounter with an orphaned girl sets the men on a course of action—rescuing Jewish war orphans and transporting them to Palestine—that will not only change their lives but also help create a nation and forever alter the course of world history.

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Customer Reviews

I loved this book...totally riveting and the fact that it is a true story of some of the original "Inglorious Bastards" made it even more interesting. The courage of the Jewish soldiers and their fight to get in on the fight was inspiring. I highly recommend this to anyone interested in this part of history. The book is really well written. An untold story that is really worth a read.

A masterpiece of journalistic excellence written like a novel and utterly compelling. It takes you through a painful and depressing period and tells an ennobling tale about those who fought back against the atrocities of Nazi Germany and restored the pride of the Jewish people and made the seminal moves that led to the creation of the Jewish State. Brilliant in every way. Highly recommended. Phillip Rohlin

I read it because I'd never heard of a Jewish Brigade. Never having heard of any Jews offering any kind of group resistance to the Nazis, and interested in the subject of WWII this was an engrossing account of true history. This should be a movie. It's an amazing history of post war Jews trying to forge their own nation against the opposing forces of the British, the Arabs and all the bad will tendered them by the Ukrainians, Poles etc. Was surprised to see how helpful the Russians were! (Who knew!). Fascinating read about how the Jews overcame unbelievable odds. WOW!

Book was timely delivered and in very good condition. Am pleased with this order. This is a captivating history of the forming of the Jewish Brigade by the British during WW II. It outlines the reason why the British formed the brigade, where and how the brigade fought, and its instrumentality in the formation and early defense of the State of Israel. It does this through primarily through the eyes of three participants as well as the sister of one of the participants. It is very interesting to read of how the Brigade transported many displaced Jews at the end of the war and how the wartime experiences of members of the Brigade caused them to become extremely vengeful and how they overcame their morale dilemma. A very interesting, well written and researched book.

I have read many books about WWII but was not familiar with the Jewish fighters that were finally allowed to go into Italy with the Allies. This book gives a lot of background about the political forces that were at work behind the scenes, first keeping them out of the war, and then allowing this unique group of soldiers to be formed and deployed near the end of the war. That was interesting, but what happened after the war is where the story gets even more intense as these men come to see what was happening to their people, the Jewish people, throughout Europe. I was so pleased they ended the book meeting up with these same men many decades later and telling the rest of the stories of their lives. Very well worth the time for readers wanting to get a wider picture of that terrible time in history.

This is not a historical fiction novel, although it may read like one. Blum has done the almost impossible task of digging out even the storylines from revealing sources. He has cobbled one excellent story from the stories of three separate real men, and the story appears to be of one thread. These very men and hundreds more just like them were responsible for the birth of the modern nation of Israel. Without the personal sacrifices of these men and many thousands more, the nation of Israel would have been stillborn. Thank God for these men!

Most Americans with any interest in WW II history know about the Tuskegee airmen and the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team (Nisei - Japanese American), both covered in books and films. Likewise, the 'Men of Orange', and some Free French and other specific and unique units. But I never heard of The Brigade until I came across this book (at a bargain price). It read like a novel, but was well documented in many aspects of the stories it told. It was a bit of a roller coaster ride, ups and downs, in both successes and disappointments, and differing, changing directions of both the magnetic and moral compasses. The absence of maps and illustrations, and a glossary, in the kindle edition is a negative, but not enough to detract from anyone wanting to read this story.

BLUM WRITES THIS STORY BY FOLLOWING THE HISTORY OF THREE MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH BRIGADE. THIS STORY COVERS THE THREE AREAS OF ACTIVITY BY THE MEMBERS. FIRST, IS THEIR COMBAT HISTORY FIGHTING GERMANS IN N. ITALY TOWARD THE END OF THE WAR COMMENCING IN 1944. THE SECOND PART PARTIALLY PREVIEWES THEIR ACTIVITIES, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WAR'S END TO SET UP EXECUTION SQUADS AND RUN MISSIONS IN AUSTRIA AND GERMANY SEEKING OUT AND EXECUTING NAZIS AS "AVENGERS". THE THIRD PART DISCUSSES THEIR ACTIVITIES ASSISTING JEWISH CONCENTRATION CAMP SURVIVORS AND OTHER JEWISH REFUGEES IN TRAVELLING TO PALESTINE (NOW ISRAEL) IN THE FACE OF BRITISH OPPOSITION. VERY INTERESTING AND WELL WRITTEN. AGAIN THIS IS NON FICTION AND COVERS THE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE THREE REPRESENTATIVE SOLDIERS IN DETAIL. MY ONLY CRITICISM EVEN THOUGH I REALLY LIKE THE BOOK IS THAT I WISH THE AUTHOR HAD GONE INTO MORE DETAIL REGARDING BRITISH GOVERNMENTAL OPPOSITION TO THE FORMATION OF THE BRIGADE. PLAINLY PUT, ALL SIDES, BRITISH, JEWISH AND ARAB, KNEW THAT FOLLOWING THE WAR THAT THEY WOULD BE FIGHTING IN PALESTINE AS JEWS FOUGHT FOR THE CREATION OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY. THE BRITISH CLEARLY

KNEW THAT CREATING AND TRAINING A JEWISH BRIGADE WAS IN ESSENCE PREPARING A GROUP THAT THEY MIGHT END UP HAVING TO FIGHT WITH AFTER WAR'S END. IN ESSENCE I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE BOOK

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