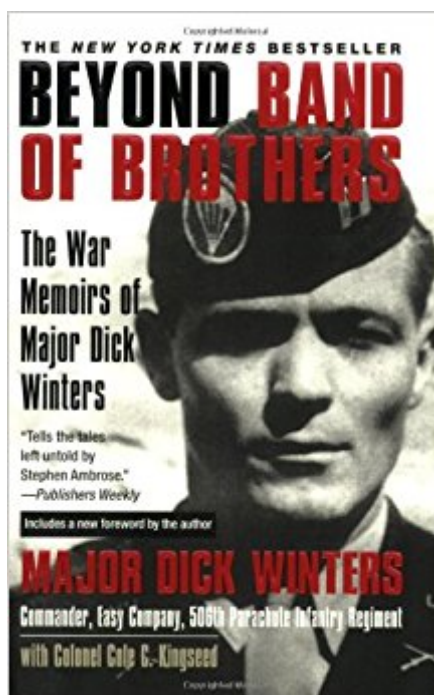


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Beyond Band Of Brothers: The War Memoirs Of Major Dick Winters



Synopsis

The *New York Times* bestselling World War II memoir from Major Dick Winters, the commander of the legendary Band of Brothers, with a new preface from the hero himself. They were called Easy Company, but their mission was never easy. Immortalized as the Band of Brothers, they suffered 150% casualties while liberating Europe, an unparalleled record of bravery under fire. Recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, Dick Winters was their legendary commander. This is his story, told in his own words for the first time, offering readers an astonishing, unvarnished account of his service as a World War II combat leader. On D-Day, Winters assumed leadership of the Band of Brothers when its original commander was killed, and led them through the Battle of the Bulge and into Germany, by which time each member had been wounded. Based on Winters's wartime diary, *Beyond Band of Brothers* also includes his comrades' untold stories. This is a moving memoir by the man who earned the love and respect of Easy Company, and who is a hero to new generations worldwide.

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Customer Reviews

In his well-intentioned but impersonal memoirs, Winters tells the tales left untold by Stephen Ambrose, whose *Band of Brothers* was the inspiration for the HBO miniseries, but Winters's memoir is disappointingly sparse on details unrelated to troop position. It is in the battles and tactical maneuvers of Easy Company that Winters is most at home: on D-Day, when Easy Company's commanding officer is killed, Winters takes charge minutes after landing deep in German territory and leads an assault against a German battery. He carefully explicates the reasoning behind his

strategy, leading the reader along as the Company attacks German machine gun and mortar outposts. The narrative is laced with Winters's soldierly exaltations of pride in his comrades' bravery: "My God, it's beautiful when you think of a guy who was so dedicated to his company that he apologizes for getting hit." Although the intrepidity of the group induces more than a tinge of pride, the memoir is devoid of powerful reflections. In the last, sluggish chapters, Winters devotes an excessive amount of time to letters he has received and to expositions on leadership. Winters is too humble for a genre that requires a little bit of conceit. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Stephen Ambrose's *Band of Brothers* (1992) and the HBO miniseries based on it made Easy Company--the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, which fought from D-Day to the end of World War II, with 150 percent casualties--well known to more than military-history buffs. After both publication and broadcast, Winters, Easy Company's commanding officer, received many requests for more information. Feeling that much of the material Ambrose didn't use deserved an audience, he chose to air it and satisfy all those requests in his memoirs. For those to whom the story is familiar, the major and his collaborator developed an excellent narrative voice to recount Winters' experiences, actions, and thoughts during everything from training to deployment to battle to subsequent occupation. Winters has been praised as an exemplar of leadership, and here he shows what he did to earn that praise and how he did it. Very well done, book as well as war service. Frieda Murray Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Excellent book covering the trials and tribulations of the common foot soldier and those responsible for their safety. Major Winters did an excellent job of painting a picture of what it meant to be a soldier with you back against the wall. I hope that men like him will follow his footsteps when needed most by its country.

I loved Major Winter's insight into his company of heroes. I learned much about how effective leadership is crucial to leading men to victory. What I enjoyed most was how he spoke about character. I believe we live in a time where no one really cares about character and that belief is revealed by the kind of world we live in today! Enjoy this insight and wisdom into a group of ordinary men who answered the call during extraordinary circumstances and came out as heroes.

I read this book and also "Conversations With Major Dick Winters" since returning from Europe and

visiting some of the battle sights where Easy company fought. Both books are very good and this one sheds further detail on the familiar events that the HBO series first introduced me to. Winters was an amazing man and excellent leader whom I highly admire. If you have an interest in Band of Brothers or the 101st Airborne in WWII you will enjoy this book.

I really enjoyed the book and couldn't put it down. Truly the greatest generation this country has ever seen. Major Dick Winters and everyone in Easy Company were the toughest group of individuals. I mean tough. And they accomplished their mission with character, competence, courage, honesty, leadership and humbleness. It was never about the individual but the group as a whole. To get a very small glimpse into what really went on, during the war, is greatly appreciate. Everyone should read this book, for inspiration at what these men did, and to realize that our problems of today are nothing in comparison to what Easy Company went through. The book provides great motivation - to rise up and be even half the person that Major Dick Winters was. These were ordinary men brought together and did extraordinary things. They made America great. My salute to Easy Company!

My husband loved this book! He said that you should definitely watch the series Band of Brother FIRST! It really brings Major Winters tales to life.

Dick Winters is a national WW2 hero and a great example of leadership by example, courage under fire, and his telling of incredible 1st hand survival stories of numerous and historical missions.

This is a great companion book to Band of Brothers book and mini-series. Dick Winters really brings to light his personal views on Easy Company's missions and men. It is entertaining and easy to read and hard to put down.

A very good book to get background on Dick Winter's military experience and how he became such a strong and competent leader.

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