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These two classic works capture the tide of world events even as they unfold the compelling tale of a single American family drawn into the very center of the war's maelstrom.

The multimillion-copy bestsellers that capture all the drama, romance, heroism, and tragedy of the Second World War — and that constitute Wouk's crowning achievement — are available for the first time in trade paperback.

## The Winds of War & War & Remembrance Details

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## **From Reader Review The Winds of War & War & Remembrance for online ebook**

### **ALISA DIEZ says**

Worth the time if you are interested in WWII historical fiction. You will learn a lot of WWII history while being thoroughly entertained by the Henry family.

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### **Carol Sama says**

I've read several, no lots, of books about World War II. These two books I have read twice. They are among the very best books I've ever read in my life. They combine the drama of certain endearing characters and complex historical elements. Wouk's research is amazing. This is the epitome of historical fiction. The history is thorough and accurate. The people, in various parts of the world, are all well drawn characters, and all are transformed by the war. Pug Henry, as a career Navy man, is the primary fellow and patriarch of the family. He shines as the brilliant military analyst throughout the period. But it is the story of his daughter-in-law, Natalie, that becomes terrifyingly gripping as she gets trapped in Europe with her famous Jewish uncle.

I can't think of ten books I'd give a five star rating, but these are definitely worthy.

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### **Chris Schumann says**

I really enjoyed "The Winds of War". This was great historical fiction and a good study of the politics in Germany leading up to the war. "War and Remembrance", telling the story around the characters during WWII while still a great book seemed a little long and in my opinion spent more time focused on the Jewish issue during the war, given that this is a book focused on a military family. Both are good rewarding reads.

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### **Christine says**

Once every decade I am rereading Herman Wouks 2.200 pages master piece on WW II. I love the TV mini series with Robert Mitchum, watched it in 1985 (and several more times ever since) and then read both books.

US Naval Captain Victor Henry was actually hoping to soon command a battle ship when he gets sent to Berlin in Germany as a Naval Attache at the American embassy in Berlin...

Read the amazon.com reader's reviews, you will see that this epic is the best story written on WW II from it's beginning in 1939 until the end in August 1945.

This first book covers 1939 until Pearl Harbor.

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### **Gretchen Fourticq says**

It's like watching a docudrama of 20th century history. Epic and interesting way to learn about political and military of history of WWII. Based on historical facts but illuminated in narrative format. Highly recommend as history repeats itself.

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### **Vicki Andrada says**

This book was great! It is fictionalized characters, but it is set in the true history of the time. Herman Wouk did his research.

In the first book winds of war I learned a hole lot about what went on, the denial that pervaded many of the people at that time. Many didn't want to see a war coming, and some just couldn't imagine there would ever be one. I don't know why, but many of them actually thought Hitler a reasonable man that wouldn't want to go to war. I have to think this had to do with the first world war, and how many were weary from that, especially in Europe. Here in the states, well they just didn't want to have their lives interrupted, we were far away, so why worry about it. It tells you a lot about how people thought in the few years leading up to the war, and how it would evolve into world war. The characters he used for the story he weaved to tell us all of this was great!

War and remembrance was equally good! The same basic characters were in this second book. It talks of the war, and you learn a lot there too. I don't want to give too much away. It just continues the story. What good books they were! They were long, both of them were, but to me it doesn't matter if it's long if it's good!

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### **Chapler says**

Fictionalized Historically Accurate in the vein of non-fiction, though as with Uris and Mitchner, the literary employment of using composite characters to move characters in a 'driven way' blurs the line' bringing historically accurate, dates, figures who were in attendance stretching only to chronicle thoughts, fears, secret motivations unshared decades later through their posthumous journals/writings released under caveats in the vein only 50 years after i am gone, only if peace accords btw X & Y are established, only if my heirs are amenable, if National Security is not conceivably jeopardized or .... Well, I finished a Novel, the 3rd by an Author who had written the American Southern Woman set against the course of days in amusing enough and amusingly pedestrian and plausible while with keen ear for authentically roiling and consistent humor which seemed Universally was enhanced by the subtle and teasing while never cruel to human condition comedic. The Author succeeded in book 2 set in a not dissimilar geographic. The 3rd book actually made me enraged not with the writer, but myself for not chucking it when by page 100 I knew it was garbage and not more than the published tomb resulted from a literary deal for me and public who fall into the ennui of not doing 30 seconds let alone 2 minutes to see if there is still merit or was borne from a significant financial reward solely based on the Booming Boxoffice after a Universally touted

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## Vadim Muchnik says

I read both books through audible.com while driving on business - about 60 hours of listening combined. I was glued to the wheel and would have kept driving if i could.

Not only did I submerg into the epic drama of the Jastrow's, Henry's and Leslie Sloat, I've gotten an excellent historical overview of the WWII fro perspective of Allies, Axes. Also, Wouk opened my eyes about chilling indifference towards Jewish plight and stonewalling at State Department and Bermuda Conference.

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## Lynn says

I've read these books a couple of times and now I've listened to them with audio.com. Herman Wouk is brilliant. Just as a historical review, these books are valuable, but they offer so very much more in terms of character, plot, and themes. Two of the best books ever written!

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## Steven says

Two amazing books, and a singular, unforgettable journey through World War Two. Great characters. These two novels, some 2,200 pages on World War Two, move quickly. This is not James Michener—it is a page turner. Wouk covers the war admirably and the reader can learn a lot. But this is an epic saga, not a history class. I enjoyed it so much.

I love Captain Henry, later Admiral Henry, a man with two sons, both of whom reminded me of my own. He's steady, clever when he needs to be, and committed to his marriage and his duties no matter what storms may blow. It is great to read two novels with a main character who is ordinary, but not so flawed he is an anti-hero. Captain Henry is a regular hero. And of course, he would say only that he is a common sailor doing his part.

I love the worlds of Herman Wouk, a great writer who does not feel the need to mention every trip his characters take to the toilet, or to spell out every detail between the sheets. He is not interested in such matters; this book is so much larger than that.

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## John says

These two books are not for everyone. It helps if you already know the history of World War II well. You will learn more than you want to know about the US Navy. And you might grow weary of some of the characters. However, if you read it, you will discover stories you have never read anywhere else, told with details reflecting diligent research, about individuals whom you know intimately, who gradually and reluctantly learn that they do not control their own fates. They are carried away by the mighty winds of war. And yet the war, for all of its horror, eventually becomes a smoke screen hiding something so much more evil, incomprehensible, and cruel--the holocaust.

As Germany begins to lose the war, the extermination of the Jews becomes a higher Nazi priority than winning the war. The urgent need for the allies to invade Europe and end the war in order to save as many Jews as possible is lost on the allied leaders. Endemic anti-Semitism limits American efforts to help Jews leave Europe before and during the war. Wouk does not make these claims explicitly. He does not need to do so. He makes them by presenting overwhelming evidence to support them. Evidence made emotionally powerful because it is presented without comment in the context of individual lives of characters portrayed with love and dignity. I came away with the feeling that the holocaust was poorly recognized when it occurred and too quickly forgotten when it ended. It must not be forgotten. Wouk is a witness. His telling of this tragic tale is life-changing.

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### **Pat Murphy says**

FYI The Winds of War & War & Remembrance was two actual bound books for me. The story went from one to the other seamlessly. This is fiction which is written in the confines of actual history. I found the books fascinating. It was one of those things where I was a little ticked at how the story ended because there were threads which were left un-ended, characters whom I wanted to know more about how they came out. I must say that I have become more of a non-fiction reader lately. I still read it, but I don't pay as much attention to it as I used to. I want to classify this as something other than fiction. I feel that I learned a lot of stuff about World War 2 that I never knew before. All that said, this is one of the best books I have ever read in my life. I would not try to get people to read it because it is such a long read. These two titles have over 1300 pages in them. Most people I know would not be interested simply because of the length. If someone asked me what I thought of the book, I would say that it is an excellent story and they would not be sorry if they read it. All through the book I ran into parts where I would say to myself "I will put this down after this page", and then be unable to for ten more. That hasn't happened to me in a while. The characters are believable, respectable, lovable, courageous, interesting and romantic. They are also despicable, unfaithful, cowardly, cruel, crude, and violent. These characters also change from bad to good. I can't recall a change from good to bad. The story has episodes where some of the protagonists rub shoulders with Hitler and Churchill. They go to, and exist in Auschwitz. They survive in the blitz on Warsaw. There are whole families in the story. Some don't survive, most do. I recommend it to anyone. It's a great drama with a lot of wonderful development. It leaves you thinking about mankind and it's unpredictability and predictability. Just a wonderful read.

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### **A.R. Simmons says**

Are you ready for a family saga that will also immerse you into the culture of World War II America? Pick up Herman Wouk's Winds of War. From the American home front culture, to the diplomatic front before the second great twentieth century war, to the beginnings of the holocaust, plunge into story of lives that were turned upside down and forever changed. Reading The Winds of War brought home to me the poignant story of the changes coming to a generation that didn't really want to become the leaders of the free world. I loved the characters, the Henrys and the Jastrows, but especially Pug Henry. There is plenty of history here, but it is revealed as it happened, to ordinary people called on to extraordinary things.

Once I read it, I had to go on to War and Remembrance. I think you will also.

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## **Hubertus W. says**

Taken together, these two books are among the greatest novels written about WW II & the Holocaust. To scale these monumental works is to be granted an Everest-like view of history & humanity.

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## **Pat says**

This is the third or fourth time I've read these books, plus I've watched the mini-series multiple times. Well researched and well told pre-WWII through post-WWII following the Henry family through the trials and tribulations of the times. Pug Henry becomes a close observer/participant to history making situations. Son Byron marries a Jewish woman who, though American, is in Italy and gets swept up in the Nazi purge of the Jews. Compelling reading.

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