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A terrifying attack!

On December 7, 1941, Japanese war planes appeared out of nowhere to bomb the American base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. It was a highly secretive and devastating attack: four battleships sunk, more than two thousand servicemen died, and the United States was propelled into World War II. In a compelling, easy-to-read narrative, children will learn all about a pivotal moment in American history.

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Ben Shepard says

What Was Pearl Harbor is an amazing book that tells about the infamous disaster in Pearl Harbor that caused America to join in on World War II.

I would recommend this book to anyone who loves non-fiction books or history books. Or simply just anyone who wants to learn about Pearl Harbor.

Jenny says

Very interesting! I learned several new things about Pearl Harbor. I think my students would enjoy this book.

Jean says

Good, informational book. I learned a lot about Pearl Harbor.

Abbey says

AJ is currently in a phase of relentless fascination with history. Look through the Who Was books has become a fun part of our bookstore trips. Previously, the books we've tried had been just a little bit above his attention span, but AJ was tuned into this one like I've never seen before.

One thing I have liked about this series, even the ones we didn't finish, are the break out pages of relevant information: who was this person? what does this term mean? The one that most impressed me here was the break out for a brief discussion of the Japanese Internment Camps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It's a big concept to introduce to kids, and it was done simply and with eloquence.

I'm looking forward to what AJ wants to read next!

Katie Swart says

Grades: 2nd and up

Read on February 22nd

Genre: Informational

Something unique about this book is that there are real pictures in it which kids would enjoy looking at. There are also bios throughout the book of important people during this time and event. I think this is a good way to have students learn about events that will keep them interested and engaged!

Angela R. Watts says

Upon reading 'What Was Pearl Harbor', written by Patricia Brennan Demuth, I found that through the whole book, not once did the author say that the Japanese were at fault for bombing Pearl Harbor. Not once did the author say this act of war was shameful or disgraceful.

I did find, however, that the author shows us how the US ordered Japanese-Americans to be put into camps after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The author describes this act as 'shameful' on the US's part. The author also says that America atomic bombing Japan was shameful, as well. How can the author write a whole book on Japan attacking Pearl Harbor, and not say that act on Japan's side was shameful? Why is it that when America took action in the war, that was disgraceful? I do agree that the consequences of the nuclear bombs that the US dropped on Japan were shameful- but what the author did not mention was that the US did not know the bombs would have such consequences.

And as for the Japanese-American being put into camps: they were not mistreated. The author does not say this, she only says how 'shameful' this action was, once again, on America's part. It was not shameful- that was the measures of war, fair or not fair, like it or not. Japan bombed America first. It was a precaution on the US's part to separate the Japanese-Americans for safety- I am not saying the Japanese-Americans were not innocent. I am saying that it was not shameful for America to put them in camps during the war. That's how war goes. Not only was it safer that way for America to make sure the Japanese-Americans were not spies/against America- it protected the Japanese-Americans, too. If the Americans were angry at Japan for the attack, it is likely they would have taken it out on the Japanese-Americans in America.

How is it shameful for America to separate the Japanese-Americans into camps, but not shameful for Japan to bomb the US?

I am sorely disappointed with this book, and the way it represented the attack on Pearl Harbor, and how America fought back. I do not think this books gives a fair or truthful statement of what happened, especially for younger readers.

Oliver says

The book What Was Pearl Harbor? by Patricia Brennan Demuth is an interesting book about World War II and the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This book is interesting and very detailed and it also told me facts about the Japanese soldiers and army and as well as the American soldiers and army. When a navy band played the national anthem for the sailors, some of the band members saw planes in the distance and didn't think they were trouble, so they kept playing the national anthem. They thought that they were U.S pilots having drills. Suddenly, the planes dropped a bomb and started shooting at the band. It was an attack! Even though the band saw planes dropping bombs, the band refused to stop playing the anthem and then when they finished they took cover. This was the start of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Tina says

The event that pushed the United States into WWII. There were many brave people who lost their lives that day, as well as many heroes who fought valiantly and survived the attack. We must never forget them and their sacrifice for our country.

Mohammed Rayyan says

Good book but I feel sad for the americans

Marie says

This is an excellent book about pearl harbor for middle grade readers. It's history presented in a very interesting and readable format. My seven-year-old was fascinated and asked to learn more about Pearl Harbor and WWII after we finished this book. So far, I'm a huge fan of this series and so is my son.

Lizzie Biggs says

November Book Report
What Was Pearl Harbor?
Patricia Brennan Demuth

What Was Pearl Harbor is a great book, it really educates you on all the stuff you need to know about Pearl Harbor and what happened. As a non-fiction book it really educates you with real facts. Pearl Harbor was one of Americas worst tragedies. This book is a fantastic book that I would recommend to plenty of people! Pearl Harbor is when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. . The bombing caused more then 2,300 deaths. Most people knew that this attack would mean that this would probably be the beginning of world war two, they were correct the next day President Roosevelt declared war on Japan.

The Japanese used submarines to destroy a lot of ships and take many lives. If you go to the Pearl Harbor memorial today you would see the U.S.S Arizona. The U.S.S Arizona memorial is still there and there is still bodies in the ship. The U.S.S memorial is a place where people use to get close to their loved ones. What Was Pearl Harbor is a fantastic book I rate it a 4/5!

Jacob L. says

The last book that I have read was What Was Pearl Harbor by Patricia Brennan Demuth. This book explains what happened during the Attack on Pearl Harbor and how this affected us as Americans. Pearl Harbor is in Hawaii and at the time was home to many battleships and destroyers, along with many planes. Commander Mitsuo Fuchida lead the fleet of the Japanese planes to attack Pearl Harbor. At Oahu, a U.S. ship called the USS Ward was on an early morning patrol and spotted a Japanese submarine and destroyed the sub. Later, many planes came up on a radar and it was another sign that something is happening and it too was ignored like the last. 353 Japanese planes would attack Pearl Harbor and kill thousands. At 7:49, the attack happened and it wiped out 2,400 Americans and 1,200 were wounded. 21 U.S. vessels were destroyed and left only 71 planes out of 400 unharmed. This is the event that would make us join the war. Then on August 6, 1945, President Harry Truman gave the order to drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Six days after the events, Japan surrendered to the U.S.

I thought this book was very cool to read and liked how it gives information that I didn't know about so I could learn more about what happened. I wouldn't change a thing about this book because it isn't too long but gives all the information you need to know about what happened.

I think people that are interested in learning more about World War Two battles would enjoy this book because this book has accurate information about Pearl Harbor and what happened and does a good job of explaining it. Reading this book, you can understand clearly what happened and people that want to know more about World War Two battles will enjoy this.

R. Fulleman says

A successful story telling of Pearl Harbor at a 3rd to 7th grade level (Lexile 800) in such a way that it encourages young readers to enjoy a non-fiction history book. Though not a Hi-Lo book per se, I'd also recommend this book for those looking for something on WWII/History for a reluctant reader. The explanation is concise, yet descriptive. It lays out all the facts of the attack and the major players involved. Well done!

Brian says

I love this series.

Kiyu Nishiki says

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