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## Pearl Harbor Details

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## From Reader Review Pearl Harbor for online ebook

### Ana O says

This movie broke my preteen/teenage heart, I still can't listen to There You'll Be without getting a lump in my throat.

This is why the Adriatic Sea is so salty, from all the crocodile tears I've shed over Josh Hartnett.

I've always had a flair for the dramatic.

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### Brian says

I've watched the movie several times before reading the book, it still amazes me how they can be different in some ways. The book was really good.

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### Sleeping with Ghosts says

Possibly, my favorite movie so far, with The Big Fish and Labyrinth. Why? December 7th is an special date to me..not only for the attack, I used to graduate from all my scholar levels in that date. Since 2001 to 2006. And my grandma took her first communion the day after the attack, December 8th, 1941. ♥?

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### Ava Black says

I did not watch the movie. I found this book in the library and I picked it up because of the gorgeous Italian cover and because I knew it is a love story during the attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanase, which I did not know much about. I gave the book 3 stars because of:

- 1) Evelyn, I really liked her as a character, I think she is strong, sensitive, introvert and also very smart.
- 2) The writer did his research on the topic.
- 3) The idea for the love story was good.

So why just 3 stars? I read that the writer wrote also the movie script ( I don't know if he wrote it before or after the novel, but I think is not important) the point is that this feels more like a movie script with longer

sentences, but it lacks in depth, as if you are reading, as I said, a movie script. That being said, if you like love stories, war and if you have a fervid imagination so you can imagine your own movie, I suggest the book otherwise I think you should pick up a DVD of the movie.

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### **Marjolein Klok says**

Pearl Harbor is an easy read on a serious topic. Easy in the best sense of the word as it is written flawlessly and gives a good idea of the scale of the attacks and start of the war. It's primarily a love story set to a historic background. For me this was great because I'm naturally more drawn to love stories and this book gave me a lot of insight on the shocking acts that started World War II for America. One tip: look up "Roosevelt on Pearl Harbor" on YouTube and listen to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's original declaration of war speech when you get to part three - Invincibility.

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### **Julie Randolph says**

A beautiful blend of history and fiction, love and war.

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### **Salome Pachkoria says**

Interesting story of love triangle. Easy to read.

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### **Adelyne says**

(+) I liked reading about the transition of a tight friendship between a pair of boys (I always love reading about BFFs more than actual romance!) who grow together from children playing in the fields to fighting a war together. The way in which they unselfishly complement one another, and always have the other's best interests at heart, yet are able to fight things out and argue like brothers was really heartwarming.

(+) This is a fictional account that is based on true events that happened during the war, and I think the author did convey some sense of realism without overloading the narrative with war content (which I would prefer to read in a non-fictional account instead of a story interlaced with a love triangle).

(+) I liked how there was some alternation as the writer describes the happenings in America, and in parallel the discussions that were taking place in Japan - gives a sense of why making assumptions is a bad thing.

(+) In the inevitable love triangle that would be expected from the blurb, I liked the way in which Evelyn handled the situation that transpired. I felt like she was strong enough to make the choice of what she thought was right, and instead of being wishy-washy and waiting for the situation to fix itself I liked that she took the initiative to find a solution for herself.

(-) I guess the ending was inevitable, given it is set during the war, and maybe I should have avoided this book since I don't like sad endings...

Overall: A quick read, doesn't drown the reader in details and the overarching storyline of how the boys interact with one another and the people around them keeps the plot moving. I suspect that someone who has seen the movie won't enjoy this book very much, as there isn't much by way of detail which can't be

portrayed in a typical-lengthed film, but I don't know for sure as I haven't seen it myself. I liked it, but there was nothing particularly memorable for me (possibly because I have read a number of other accounts on WW2) – 3 stars.

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### **P.S. Winn says**

This story is much more than a war story, combining romance and a look into the lives of those affected by not just the horrendous attack but life during war

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### **Susan says**

I loved the movie which is completely why I read this book.

The romance is terrible in terms of heart wrenching. Loving two men at the same time, possibly the same amount... but probably loving the second slightly less than the first but feeling compelled towards the second because of circumstance. The movie made me howl completely.

I felt the story in the film was dealt with in such a way that the romance was the focus over the war, though there was a balance of war - romance in the film. In this book however there was a none too great balance between war story and romance and it felt that the history was the main focus, where I personally wanted to read about the romance. I felt the romance is complex and the characters as well are strong. I just think Wallace spent too long going into all the details of war, rather than taking one point of view and focusing on that, or one story and focusing on that.

In terms of a historic novel, I couldn't say how accurate this is, as I don't much care about the war, or know much about it. It is written in a way that seems plausible but how accurate really is a book that has a fictional story running through it. Surely some of it has been twisted to fit the romance.... ?

Anyway, overall it was ok. Too much history for me. Strong possibilities with the romance. Watch the movie I say.

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### **truenorth says**

An interesting, but pretty light read.

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### **Laila Doncaster says**

Old-fashioned love during a time of war, who gets the girl? All the dynamics of a great story and read, turned to film repeatedly over the years. War. Love. Best friends. Danger. Death. Randall Wallace wrote with such care the words that make you feel, see, hear, and smell this horrid war surrounding a love structured to last a lifetime. Pages turn like the frames of a film reel, and your mind sees everything unfold. Five thumbs up for this book, and film.

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### **Camie says**

Rafe McCawley and Danny Walker are two daring young pilots in the U.S. Army Air Corps who grew up as close as brothers and learned to fly as cropdusters in Tennessee. Shortly after Rafe falls in love with Evelyn a U.S. navy nurse , with rumblings of war on the horizon, he decides to enlist in the fighting in Europe, leaving behind both Evelyn and Danny. Meanwhile Evelyn and Danny get transferred to Pearl Harbor , which appears to be a peaceful paradise at that time. The story unfolds as war comes to Pearl Harbor and everyone's lives are forever changed. For me this was "edge of your seat" action combining shocking surprise, defeat and victory, along with a heart rending romance that helps you "care" more about the characters. I remember seeing this movie years ago with Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett, and Kate Beckinsale. Hope I can find it, and watch it again. 4.5 stars

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### **Eryn says**

THE MOVIE WAS BASED OFF THIS BOOK?!? WHAT??

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### **Caleb G says**

This quarter in my Cyber English class I read the book Pearl Harbor by Randall Wallace. I really enjoyed this book because it was filled with fairly mature content. I enjoyed this book much more than any other book that I've read this year because this book has a great storyline that is heavily focused on the military (specifically the Air Force), the reason that I enjoyed the storyline so much is because I can easily relate to a lot of thing that are going on in the storyline because I grew up in a military oriented family. Even though I could relate to most of the things going on in the storyline I couldn't relate to the main characters. They were two farm boys who had grown up together and later joined the Air Force together. Even though I couldn't relate to the main characters I did enjoy their personalities and loyalty towards one another.

There were a few conflicts in this book. The one that stood out to me was the conflict in which the two best friends(Rafe and Danny) are separated due to Rafe's choice to volunteer for a special deployment, meanwhile leaving behind his best friend and girlfriend. At first this wasn't a problem. But after some time Rafe's girlfriend Evelyn received news that Rafe had been killed. Afterwards there was a lot of grieving between Danny and Evelyn which eventually led to the two getting together. This wouldn't have been such a big problem if Rafe was actually dead and not on his way to see Evelyn. This is about as far as I want to go into this conflict because if I were to go any farther I would spoil the book. This conflict seems very fitting for a realistic fiction book.

My interpretation of this book's theme is that you should never let anything come between you and your friends. The reason I believe this is because the book covers all of the problems caused by Danny and Rafe fighting over Evelyn. But in the end they were both able to forgive each other and be at peace in their own ways.

I have decided to give this book five stars because it is the best book I have read so far. Mostly due to it's realistic plot with a good balance of action and love

