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Directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks and Matt Damon, *Saving Private Ryan* is a World War II drama set in France during and just after the D-Day Normandy Invasion. While vast military forces converge for one of the most decisive battles of the war, a squad of U.S. Army soldiers undertake a mission to save one man: paratrooper James Ryan, the last survivor of a family of four brothers, the others having already been killed in action. Based on the screenplay by Robert Rodat and Frank Darabont.

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### **Todd says**

It should be required reading in high school.

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### **Laila Doncaster says**

Touching, emotional, and dedicated to home, country, family, and peace - war is inevitable - things must get worse before things can get better. For one family the loss is far too great a burden. They must find the young soldier in the heart of battle, and send him home - three of his brothers have fallen, and his parents need him home. Tom Hanks best film, his heart was visible upon his sleeve as he portrayed the seriousness of the matter - amen. May God keep His soldiers forever in peace.

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### **Lovisa says**

Much better than I thought. Because I read it for school, I had very low expectations, but it made one think as I remember it

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### **Gratian Lascu says**

Am vazut filmul de o gramada de ori. Cartea am cumparat-o cu ceva ani in urma de pe okian.ro si i-a venit vremea. Este varianta rescrisa dupa romanul lui Collins, incadrata nivelul Advance de engleza. Povestea e minunata si recomand citirea cartii dupa ce ati vazut filmul. E mult mai usor sa asociati cateva lucruri :)

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### **Aifa Akmalia says**

this amazing story made my heart tearing because captain john miller was so a brave man. how great the circumstances in world war two that time. BEST BOOK!

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### **Iran says**

The film begins with an elderly World War II veteran and his family visiting the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial at Colleville-sur-mer; Normandy, France. The scene then cuts to the morning of June 6, 1944, the beginning of the Normandy invasion, with American soldiers preparing for the perils of landing on Omaha Beach and struggling against dug-in German infantry, machine gun nests, and artillery fire, which cut down many of the men. Captain John H. Miller, commanding officer of Charlie Company, 2nd Ranger Battalion, survives the initial landing and assembles a group of soldiers to slowly penetrate the

German defenses, leading to a breakout from the beach.

The scene then shifts to the United States where General George Marshall is informed that three of four brothers in the Ryan family have all died within days of each other and that their mother will receive all three notices on the same day. He learns that the fourth son, Private First Class James Francis Ryan of Baker Company, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division is missing in action somewhere in Normandy. After reading to his staff Abraham Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby, Marshall orders that Ryan be found and sent home immediately.

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## **Realini says**

Saving Private Ryan, written by Robert Rodat, directed by Steven Spielberg

A different version of this note and thoughts on other books are available at:

- <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list...> and <http://realini.blogspot.ro/>

This is one of the best and most popular movies ever made.

It is at number 28 on the IMDB list of most popular films:

- [http://www.imdb.com/chart/top?ref\\_=tt...](http://www.imdb.com/chart/top?ref_=tt...)

it has won five Academy Awards, been nominated for others and won multiple prestigious prizes around the world.

The film is also on The New York Times' Best 1,000 Movies Ever Made List:

- <http://www.listchallenges.com/new-yor...>

the story is overwhelming and believable: the many dead, the horrible violence, bravery and cowardice have been real.

It is also an interesting angle, with the Saving of Private Ryan at the forefront, but with the background of the World War II.

The cast is formidable:

- Tom Hanks, Matt Damon, Tom Sizemore, Paul Giamatti- one of my favorites, Ted Danson- an outstanding professional, Dennis Farina- very likeable and good, Bryan Cranston- Breaking Good in a brief role, Vin Diesel- somebody I do not care much for and so many other excellent actors...

And the director is Steven Spielberg, showing here that he can create anything and he really is one of the best...

The introduction is gruesome, but one of the best entries there ever was, with the invasion of Normandy. June 6th, 1944 as it was, with many soldiers killed, acts of bravery but also the dark side of war that involved murder.

In one scene, some American soldiers advance towards Germans that evidently want to surrender, with hands up.

The “good guys” keep shouting to their enemies and these answer in...German, but it is not good enough and they are killed.

Unjustified and to make matters worse, if that is even possible, the murders mock their victims with...”look, we cleaned ourselves for dinner.

Captain Miller aka Tom hanks is witnessing this and so many other outrageous deaths, violence throughout the film.

He used to be a teacher of English in his civilian life, but he now has to cope with attempts at desertion and mainly... the Nazis.

The mother of Private Ryan has to receive three letters of condolences, for three of her sons killed in battle.

When they notice this, officials in the Army decide to try and Save the only remaining son, given that this mother has had enough sacrifice in the family.

So they send a team, led by Captain Miller, to extract Private Ryan and send him home from the front.

It is not just a difficult task, for on the way soldiers are killed- and spoiler alerts are not needed for that, because it makes sense, doesn’t it? - and at times all hell breaks loose, with acts of heroism and cowardice. I thought that the take on this war was extraordinary in that it showed real life and what happens, not the fairy tales that are made up

At one point, one member of the team is really scared and as a consequence he cannot even move from the spot where he is.

If he did, he could save the life of one of his mates, engaged in a life or death struggle with the enemy. But this anti-hero sits there on the steps leading to where his fellow soldier was giving his life for country and freedom.

And the audience can realize that this is a different film, for in other takes, heroes simply destroy the enemy. Our side is better, always ready to shoot and kill, fly from danger and always shooting down the enemy tank or plane.

In this magnificent film we learn that it does not always work that way and heroes fight alongside ordinary men...

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### **Dimas says**

Ryan continued to speak to his captain. "I think about what happened on that bridge everyday. I think about what we did, and what you said to me. And I just want you to know ..."

Then Ryan looked at his cross and talked to it as if it were a person. "I've tried to live my life the best I could. I hope that's enough. I didn't invent anything. I didn't cure any diseases. I had a farm. I raised a family. I lived a life. I only hope that, in your opinion, I earn what you did for me."

It's been a quite long for me to read a book. At first borrowing this book from my course's library, the only

idea I had was I already watched the movie and I forgot the plot--most of the plot. Then I forced myself to read this. In the beginning I was clueless what the story will lead me to. But soon after, it gets interesting. I was overwhelmed by the story. It wasn't a hard book to read but it wasn't easy though. I could easily imagine the atmosphere and the nuance the writer want us imagined about. This is a story of the real horror of a war, but also of courage and self-discovery, quoting the introduction on the very first page.

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### **Song says**

This is an excellent book! I like it very much.

It's June 9 1944, three days after D-Day. On the orders of the government, Captain John Miller and his men go to look for Private James Ryan, whose three brothers all died. They must bring his home. Only two men survived after bringing back Ryan, other six died.

I was deeply moved by the spirit of Captain Miller and his men, they laughed at each other, but they help each other like brothers in fighting. They are brave men. "Boys became men as they cross the killing zone of Omaha Beach--often dead men, but men. Running, shouting, screaming, crawling on hands and knees, they moved toward the sea wall."

There are eight soldiers with Captain Miller, every guy has his own character, like Upham is weak, Capaizo likes children, Jackson and Sarge are brave, Millish is experienced, Reiben is naughty and little selfish, Wade is kind. But most of them are dead! Dead for their orders, for their country.

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### **Anthony says**

#### **Saving Private Ryan**

The main reason I chose to read this book was because I found out there was a movie made based on this book and the book was based on a true story. Also the fact that it was a story about World War 2 intrigued me because not many people who served during World War 2 are still alive. A reason I thought this book was good was, that the author, Max Allan Collin is very descriptive in what he saw and what happened. It was so descriptive that I could imagine what was happening in my mind.

Like I said this book was based on a true story. In this, a captain named John Miller is ordered by his superior officer to look for a private named James Francis Ryan, hence the name of the book "Saving Private Ryan". The captain leads a squad of soldiers to look for Private Ryan throughout France. There are hardships, pain, and adventures in this book. If you start reading this book, you won't want to stop.

This book was so interesting, that the first 20 minutes of humanities class was my favorite part of class because everyone would be quiet and the whole class would read. Usually the whole class would never stop talking unless the teacher would yell. This was a daily and nice occasion for me. The most memorable part of this book for me was when Private Ryan visits Captain Miller's grave to pay respects.

This book is very informative about World War 2. I suggest this book if you are studying World War 2. I don't suggest this book if you are in elementary school because there are some intense and gory parts in this book. Overall I give this book a 8 out of 10 in terms of information and storytelling.

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## Ahmed El-dressi says

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## Billy says

Billy Stolzmann

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I am doing my book review on Saving Private Ryan, by Max Allan Collins. The main character is Captain Miller, who leads his men on a mission to find Private Ryan and send him home because all of Ryan's brothers have been KIA "Killed in action" and the military has decided to take measures and send him home so that Ryan's mother at least has one son left. Captain Miller is a very strong willed individual who was a former School teacher; he has great leadership skills and gets along with his men very well.

The book starts out with a fleet of U.S armada of ships coming ashore and all the men aboard are sick with fear, so was captain Miller but he tries to make light of the situation for his men but they were too focused on what was going on around them. Captain Millers hand was trembling with fear but he kept a straight face and hid it from his men to build their confidence. Once upon the beach captain miller and his men had gotten a first glance at the hell that had been going on during this war, with constant guns firing, bodies of fallen comrades everywhere, and the traitorous sounds of screams while there was nothing they could do but move forward. All this was just the beginning of Captain Miller's mission to find Private Ryan, for there was still a long ways to go. Along the way the platoon loses good quality soldiers to battle along the way. But the only thing the men could do was move forward. There were also disputes and signs of denial between the squad, thoughts of Ryan not being worth the rescue and or thoughts of him already being dead were at a constant of being brought up out of fear of the men. But Captain Miller kept them strong and brought them forward to finish their mission!

If you look at the Genre, which is Action, Drama and war, to understand the big picture of this book you will most likely see that this is a very dramatic book. It is full of moments that can be highly relatable to a lot of us in society. A lot death is associated with this book and i'm almost certain I can speak for almost all of us when I say that "Death" affects us all in a big way. Death takes someone from us at any given time at any given place, its everywhere and there's no true way around it. We all lose loved ones and people who are close to us in life and is it fair? Absolutely not; it is just a part of life. And what I believe Max Allan Collins was trying to show us in this book is that, we can work constantly for something, and even if we succeed with that goal life can be taken away from us at any given second; like with Captain Miller, He showed us how to be a hero. He gave his life to find, save and bring back a son to her mother in war, and to fight to the

end for his country in a time when we needed true war heroes.

I gave this book a five out of five star rating because I truly believed that this is by far one of the best books I have ever read in my life. It is a true quality piece of writing and I believe that it should be read by everyone who enjoys a good book. I know I will definitely consider reading this book again and I am very happy that I decided to read it.

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### **Parissa Ahmadi says**

I'm sorry for all the wars, sorry for all the mothers waiting for their beloved children cause I don't care what country I live in, I don't care who is right or wrong. I hate all the old men making wars, killing the young ones...

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### **Pin says**

This story tell about the event in the world war2. In the begining of the story, the united states military fight with the nazi on the beach. It shows a depression about the war. Next, the commander give the order to John h. millier to rescue one soildier fron the battle filed. This soildier is Ryan. He loose all his brothers in the war, so the government think his family should't be loosing anymore. However, the rescue team has to face with the dangerous. The number of the team was decresing by killing. This story show the conflicts between life of one person and life of the rescue team. I really like this story because it make me feel excited in every chapter.

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### **Jackson says**

This book is a 100 page condensed version of the movie. This book adds nothing to the story but leaves out bits that the book cannot explain. If you want to know this story, watch the movie.

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