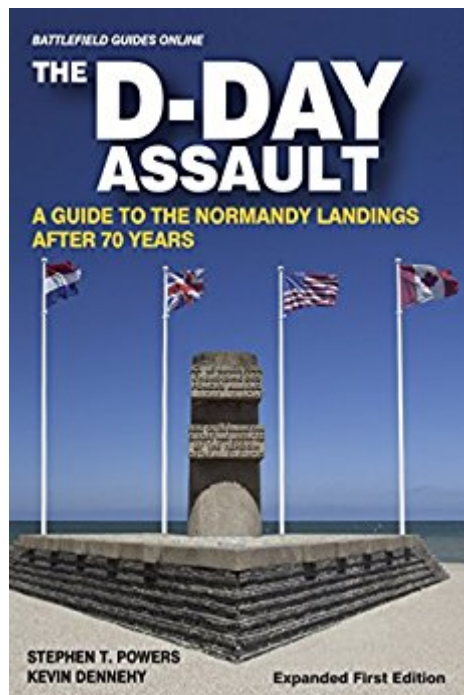




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Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of D-Day...The D-Day Assault. Just in time for the 70th anniversary of the Normandy landings, this compact guidebook not only describes the most significant land invasion of World War II, but features detailed battlefield tours, identifies monuments, and locates museums. Learn the main attractions at both the American and British landing sites, including the airborne operations behind enemy lines. The D-Day Assault, A 70th Anniversary Guide to the Normandy Landings, contains a wealth of detailed information that is perfect for travelers, veterans and students of military history, and others who wish to learn about the history of this legendary battle. This informative guide features: -Easy-to-follow maps and tours-Where to stay, dine, and shop-Find war relics still at the battlefield sites-What are the best D-Day museums-Sections describing the exploits of brave soldiers and units-A special bonus chapter on World War II in ParisThe D-Day Assault is a useful and fascinating guide for anyone who wishes to learn more about the Allied effort to free Western Europe.

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Customer Reviews

Dennehy and Powers have written a captivating account of not only the major battle fronts of D-Day, but also of the heart-breaking and human small victories and stories that are commemorated and memorialized for posterity. They have painstakingly and precisely chronicled for us the memorials, cemeteries, plaques, archives, statuary and archived diaries and town hall records - giving us the actual road maps, directions and instructions but leaving us to find our way on a momentous journey into past and the real events. The old dictum, "history is prologue," makes for an important reason to read this accessible account of war with all its mistakes, assumptions, victories, and the fallibility of human decisions and nature often turning the tide for an unexpected outcome. Not only do the authors cover the critical information to make the trip, but provide side trip tips to broaden the experience with stops in Monet's Giverny, Bayeux for the tapestries and where to find the best moules mariniere, cheeses, Calvados - as well as the soul-stirring water garden in Caen for contemplation. The book has vital maps of military involvement that back the lucid telling of varied battle strategies; they teach us military jargon of the time that makes the period of June 1944 come alive. It is evident this accounting of D-Day Invasion and this subsequent travel guide has been objectively and caringly chronicled with huge respect for our military and allies. Even if you may not be able to travel this summer for the special 70th commemoration, if you read this book, you'll feel as if you've been there through the energetic spirit and scholarship of the authors. Additionally, those of us who had grandparents or parents directly involved in this front will understand better what those family members bore and what happened and why to those who did not return.

If you are looking for a book that will save time and research for the Normandy WWII sites, this truly is the one. My father came ashore at Omaha in '44, was wounded in France, then again in Belgium during the Bulge battle. I have visited the Normandy beaches on 4 occasions since 1993, the last being '08, and much had been added during those 15 years. Now, I plan to return to Normandy in the spring of '16 for four days, and this book will go along with me. It is an excellent reference for the many memorials that have been added since my last trip, and so much more, with side stories and information that will greatly enhance my journey. I know the beach areas quite well but am pleased that open dates, closing times, updates, new additions, etc. are included in this great book. It is small enough to easily fit into a pack, and will get used often on my trip. Standing above Omaha Beach, at the edge of the American cemetery, is my favorite spot in Normandy, and second is the area of Pointe du Hoc, where the rangers scaled the cliffs, but another great location is Longues Battery -- where large German guns still point out to sea, and an observation bunker at the edge

gives the visitor an incredible feel for the battle. Also don't miss Ste. Mere Eglise, the first town liberated in France (the American flag flown that day can be seen in the town hall, and the ambience in the city is terrific -- and the locals love American visitors). La Fiere Bridge is close, and so much fighting occurred around this town. I was also pleased to see that they included some detailed information regarding Paris, where I will spend my last four nights on this trip. While I have also been there often, the extra tips on restaurants and war-related information is much appreciated. I think it would be fitting for the French to erect a plaque somewhere that honors General von Choltitz, the German general who chose to ignore Hitler's order to destroy this great city in 1944, and surrendered it to the allies, but obviously understand why they have not. It is my favorite city in the world. (for the record, my ancestry includes both French and German)

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If you look for actual information about the most interesting spots in Normandy connected to the D-Day landings, this is the right book for you. You get lots of background info to each military site, which is a plus for everyone not having extra literature on it. At the same time it may be a little bit annoying for tourists, who like to see the usual attractions, but may as well be interested in other sweet spots in the countryside, especially if you travel with family and kids. But the title "D-Day assault" says it all, so don't expect a general tourist guide to Normandy. If you are new to Normandy and your main desire is to watch the numerous D Day landing zones, historic battle spots and museums, the book does a perfect job.

This book strikes a perfect balance, blending historical detail with practical tips for those travelling to Normandy. If you're planning on visiting, or just want to know more about the history of the battle and the current conditions of the surrounding area, you'll enjoy this informative guide. The author's unique historical insights on the logistics of the battle provide excellent perspective, walking the reader through many important sites that are off the beaten path. Highly recommended for the traveller and those simply wanting to learn more about Normandy, both past and present.

Book is well written, full of great information in an easy to use format. Perfect size and weight for packing and carrying! Going to Normandy in two weeks, so that will put it and me, to the test! Recommend with no reservations! Delivery was as usual, flawless! Six months later! Went in the D-Day tour. The book was right on the mark! Our guide could have been reading from it as he planned our tour and stops! The Normandy Beaches were the HIGHLIGHT of the tour, outshone

Paris and Versailles ! Still a five star book!

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