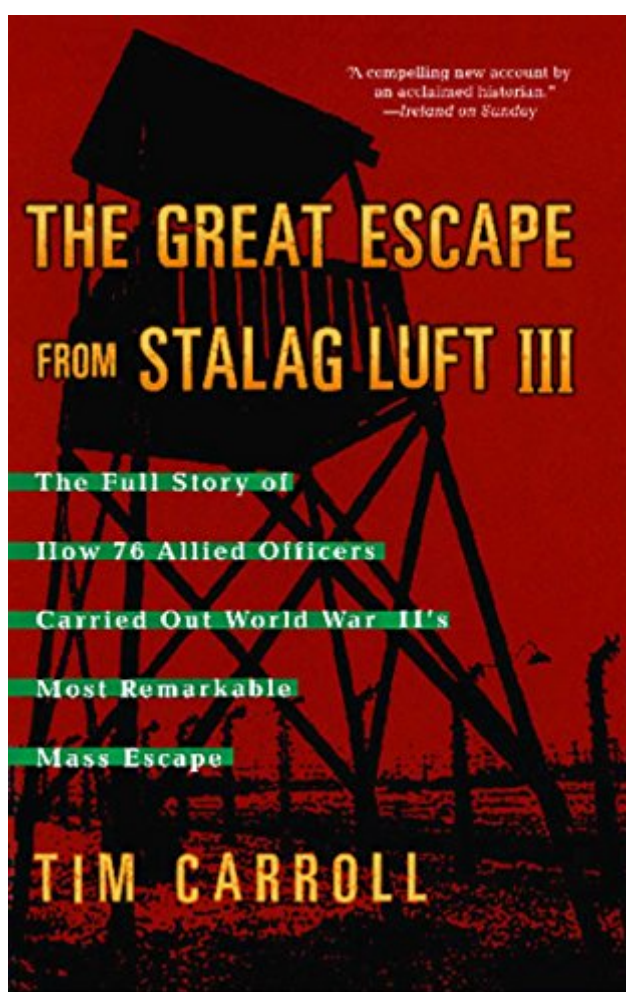


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The Great Escape From Stalag Luft III: The Full Story Of How 76 Allied Officers Carried Out World War II's Most Remarkable Mass Escape



Synopsis

The true story of one of the most heroic feats of World War II...the daring prison camp breakout that inspired the classic film *The Great Escape*. Stalag Luft III was one of the Germans' "escape-proof" prison camps, specially built by Hermann Göring to hold Allied troops. But on March 24, 1944, in a courageous attempt by two hundred prisoners to break out through a series of tunnels, seventy-six Allied officers managed to evade capture -- and create havoc behind enemy lines in the months before the Normandy Invasion. This is the incredible story of these brave men who broke free from the supposedly impenetrable barbed wire and watchtowers of Stalag Luft III -- and who played an important role in Allied intelligence operations within occupied Europe. The prisoners developed an intricate espionage network, relaying details of military deployment, bombings, and raids. Some of them were involved in other daring escape attempts, including the famous *Wooden Horse* episode, also turned into a classic film, and the little-known *Sachsenhausen* breakout, engineered by five Great Escapers sent to die in the notorious concentration camp on Hitler's personal orders. Tragically, fifty of those involved in the *Great Escape* were murdered by the Gestapo. Others were recaptured; only a few made it all the way to freedom. This dramatic account of personal heroism is a testament to their ingenuity and achievement -- a stirring tribute to the men who never gave up fighting. Includes eight pages of photographs and illustrations, excerpts from Göring's testimony during postwar investigations, and a list of the men who escaped.

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Customer Reviews

I came across the Stalag Luft III escape and murders during research for another remarkable event that took place in the night of March 24, 1944. Out of five books I consulted on the subject, Tim Carroll's account stands out by a long shot. It's a well researched, detailed picture of the participants on both sides and Carroll seldom strays from the main event. He doesn't hover over the well covered ground but follows the fate of the escapees as well as some of their captors- all the way to the bitter end. As with all historical nonfiction, some of the documented events are open to interpretation and Carroll reserves the right to do so. In the process he might have upset some hardline history buffs. I assume that is the reason why the Kindle version is no longer available. I recommend this book to everybody who wants to go beyond the movie and the tunnel vision of first hand accounts.

Awesome, awesome book. Tim Carroll personalize the men of Stalag Luft III and puts them in a piece of history. They truly were the greatest generation. His research was spot on. And, the ability to visualize the story of these soldiers lives made the book a fast read.

Great story that needs to be told, but true account or not writing capabilities matter.

A low key documentary of The Great Escape. Preparations and preceding escapes failures and successes are covered in some detail. The actual Great escape is told mostly from the point of view of hut 104's occupants. The camp commandant, Col Lindeiner comes off as relatively benign. Certainly when he is compared to commanders of other POW camps. A good read. For history buffs I recommend it highly.

watched to movie a million times...thought it was time to read about it from the survivors!!

it looks like a good follow up book to the great escape

This is a great book about War World 1's and what our generation of wonderful heroic men went through for their country.

Unlike the movie, this is the true story, brilliantly written.

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