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Wounded Tiger is the award-winning compelling true story of the Japanese pilot Mitsuo Fuchida, who led the attack on Pearl Harbor, who loved Japan and despised America, who lived for revenge, but who ultimately came to peace with himself and with his enemies. This expanded second edition includes over 250 rare historical photographs, maps and images and over 10,000 more words.

Winner of Book of the Year in War & Military by the Foreword Indies Review board. Amazon best-seller in four categories and a solid 5-star rating, one of the highest of any book in its categories.

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Charlie says

First - THANK YOU T Martin Bennett for sending me this book. I read it and now my Review on Wounded Tiger.

When I finished this book I did some research on the lives of the families involved in this Epic 'Nonfiction Novel.' I'm glad I did. More, a lot more could have been written about the main characters and families in this TRUE STORY. However, T Martin Bennett does a masterful job in getting the story across and finishes it with the reader thinking 'DANG' what a book, What A Story !!!

I've read many, MANY books on WWII and this is I believe one of the few like it. War - hatred - revenge - bible - redemption all come into play in Wounded Tiger.

WHEN this becomes a movie I'll be in line to see it - bringing my family and friends.

Charlie Halter

Suzanne Lawrence says

The story is complex and follows the lives of 3 different families during WWII. It is a wonderful story of redemption and God's providence in a chaotic era. Confusing at times trying to follow the families but it all comes together in the end. God is good and has a plan in the deepest, darkest moments. It is also interesting to read about WWII from the perspective of the Japanese pilot who led the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Christy says

Wounded Tiger is an extraordinary book. I am very glad that I read it! I highly recommend it.

Charlotte says

I found this to be a "couldn't put it down" book. These characters go way beyond forgiveness and other incredible qualities we have come to expect from the heroes of WWII. The suspense was surprising given that it was true story about a period of history we are somewhat familiar with. I appreciated the author making the war backdrop very simple and understandable. ..even had maps. Appreciated understanding more of the Japanese view point of the war as well as being reminded of the important skill sets that Americans brought to the war table. Amazing that 70 years later there are still very relevant stories that must be told like this one. So glad to "know" these incredible people! Thank you, T Martin Bennett, for taking the time to write such an honorable account!!

Skjam! says

Disclosure: I received this book as a Goodreads giveaway on the premise that I would review it.

Mitsuo Fuchida was the flight leader in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Jacob DeShazer was a bombardier who participated in the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo. The Covell family were missionaries. This book weaves together their stories. The author bills this as “a nonfiction novel,” recreating conversations and thoughts as much as possible from the real life records and memories of those involved.

As a top pilot for the Japanese Navy, and later a leading officer, Fuchida participated in many important events of the Pacific Theater of World War Two. But the reason this book is about him is that after the war, he learned of a Christian’s forgiveness and service even though she had every reason to seek vengeance instead. Fuchida was shocked and intrigued by this news, and eventually converted to Christianity.

Jake DeShazer spent most of the war in Japanese prisoner of war camps after the raid on Tokyo. He was severely mistreated and some of his fellow prisoners were killed. But in the darkness of his cell, the Bible came to Jake and he fully embraced religion, Christ’s words of forgiveness and mercy.

The Covells were missionaries in Japan until the government made that unhealthy, then moved to the Philippines to teach, while their daughter Peggy went to college in America. When the Japanese invaded the Philippines, they eventually hunted down and killed the older Covells as supposed spies. But Peggy did not let this crush her or her faith, and worked to help Japanese POWs, the news of which eventually reached Fuchida.

The author originally wrote this material as a screenplay, and this shows in the very short chapters, and scene-setting date and place “intertitles.” There are scattered footnotes explaining some foreign words (or in some cases revealing the Japanese phrase translated in the text.) They’re inconsistently used, and I spotted a couple of typos.

There’s no bibliography as such, but the acknowledgements do mention published works of people the author consulted.

As the majority of this story takes place during a war, there is some disturbing subject matter, particularly in Jake’s prison experiences and the chapters on Hiroshima. As a result, I recommend parents review the book before giving it to junior high or younger teens to read. The book also touches on racism between the Japanese and Americans, which was exacerbated by the run-up to the war.

Real life is messier than we like, and some sins are more difficult to make a good story out of than others. Fuchida’s long-term marital infidelity is only mentioned in the chapter in which he ends it, which means that his mistress and their child are shuffled off the stage immediately after we learn they exist, with no explanation of how this happened or what became of them. One suspects that if the movie ever gets made, this is one of the scenes that will be cut.

The writing is okay, but some of the dialogue looks a bit “cleaned up” from how soldiers and sailors normally talk.

I’d recommend this book to World War Two buffs interested in the Japanese side of the conflict, and those interested in reading the life stories of Christian converts.

Veronica says

I enjoyed the story, but the writing wasn't so great.

Annette says

Source: Free copy from T Martin Bennett in exchange for a review.

Summary of book is a YouTube from author.

link: <http://youtu.be/-0HJDkNrPtQ>

My Thoughts:

I'm amazed (more like blown-away) by the story T Martin Bennett, has captured in Wounded Tiger.

It's an epic account of three families whose lives were a historic part of the Pacific War during World War II.

How the families came to be connected is only through a miracle of God. A distance of thousands of miles could have prevented an encounter. Hatred, bitterness, and unforgiveness, could have prevented a union.

A war and the aftermath of destruction could have dampened any effort for communication, or resolve of the past. But, with God all things are possible.

The three families are:

1. Mitsuo Fuchida, and his wife Haruko, and children.
2. Jimmy, and wife Charma Covell, and children. The eldest daughter Peggy, will have a principal role.
3. Jacob or Jake DeShazer, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrus.

The book reads similar to watching a film. The author stated he'd first written the screen play, then the book.

While reading Wounded Tiger, I imagined each scene in my mind---actually a large panoramic screen. My technicolor vision was full of powerful images, for example: the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Battle of Midway, the devastation of the atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Wounded Tiger has contrasting elements: the hate and cruel nature of Japanese soldiers versus the love and forgiveness of the Covell family, or the vengeance and need for retribution of a POW versus a changed heart. There were tender moments when I was captivated by the significance of a characters courage and faith.

"Early the next morning, the sun broke through the sky over the eastern mountain ridge and glazed the front porch in gold. Mr. Andrus carried two blue-speckled enameled cups of steaming coffee out through the screen door. Mrs. Andrus sat rocking in her high back chair staring at the distant mountains, creaking the wooden deck with each rock. As he held the cup to his wife, she looked up with a smile and an unusual appearance of contentment. 'Thank you, dear.' She blew across her cup, took the slightest sip, and sat back and slowly rocked some more, still with a peaceful grin. Mr. Andrus gently set his cup on the table between them and sat down, keeping his eye on his wife, mystified by her demeanor, even wondering about her sanity. 'Jake's not dead,' she stated flatly, then slowly sipped again." Page 265-266.

T Martin Bennett spent several years researching the story, reading archive material, interviewing family members, and "consulting" with historians. Bennett explains in the book: "I have made every effort to ensure accuracy and honesty to history, to culture, and to the individuals. Simply stated, the essence of every scene in this story is true."

I am heartbroken over man's inhumanity to man, but man does not have the final word, God does. Only God can radically alter another person's heart. Only God can cover evil with grace.

In seven years of writing reviews (and I've never stated this before), this book stands alone as a must be made story into a film.

Wounded Tiger is a powerful story! It's a God story.

While reading Wounded Tiger, I envisioned certain actors portraying the roles, a few examples are:
Jimmy Covell-Matthew McConaughey, or Kirk Cameron.
Peggy Covell-Shailene Woodley
Mitsuo Fuchida-Shigeki Hosokawa
Mrs. Andrus-Roma Downey
Jake DeShazer-Theo James

Brenda says

I received a copy of this book, along with a really cool book mark, from the author in exchange for an honest review. I don't personally know the author, but was sent a copy of the book because of the interest that I showed for it in a recent goodreads giveaway.

If this book had been a work of fiction, I would say that it was a little far fetched at times, but being a non-fiction novel based on fact and true occurrences, I think this story is absolutely amazing. I'm not a religious person, but still got a lot out of the book. This book shows the capacity of the human spirit and the ability to even see our enemies as human.

Taking place in the Pacific theatre of WW2, the novel was written in chronological order with differing settings based on the various characters that pertained to the story.

"Wounded Tiger" was first written as a screenplay in hopes of making it into a motion picture. I hope that this does come to fruition because it would be one heck of an amazing movie. I highly recommend this novel to everyone.

David Conner says

If you liked Laura Hillenbrand's Unbreakable, the true story of Louie Zamparini, you must read Wounded Tiger. This is a truly incredible book relating the true story of Fuchida, the lead pilot who led the raid on Pearl Harbor, and one of the Doolittle Raiders, Jake DeShazer and a Missionary in the Philipines, Jimmy Covell and how their lives were ultimately intertwined and ultimately led to Fuchida and Jake being Christians and later meeting in Japan after the war. Jake Deshazer, after the war wound up returning to Japan as a missionary to the Japanese people, who tortured and starved him for 4 years after he was captured when his plane crashed in China after the raid on Tokyo. Jake also was reunited with one of his captors Aota, who also wound up becoming a Christian and helping Jake in his evangelistic ministry to the Japanese people. This book provided an excellent view from the Japanese soldier's and civilian perspective of what it was like being a Japanese citizen during the war. A must read for anyone interested in the War in the Pacific during WWII and the power of the gospel to change broken lives and transform hatred and revenge into love and peace.

Melanee Lisa says

Wounded Tiger stirred me to the core of my being.

There are some typos and grammatical errors, BUT THE STORY IS...PERFECT.

I'm asking PAPA to Powerfully use this three-stranded-story of HIS Great Love to literally overwhelm and Transform everyone who reads Wounded Tiger!

To KING JESUS Be ALL The GLORY!!!

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Wayne Hastings says

Well-written true story of war, redemption and a time of extreme bravery and conviction. Martin is a splendid storyteller.

Dan King says

Wounded Tiger will take you on an amazing journey of victory, loss, hatred, forgiveness and the power of faith and God's love. They don't get much better than this. It is striking that the entire thing is based on true events experienced by real people. If you like WWII Pacific History, and are a stickler for authentic details you won't be disappointed!

It was easy to read and easy to follow. Highly recommended.

This is screaming out to be made into a movie.

Wendy says

One of the most inspirational and compelling nonfiction novels I have had the privilege of reading is "Wounded Tiger" by T. Martin Bennett. The story revolves around the war with Japan where victory doesn't just come from the defeat of a mighty military nation, but from the unrelenting spirit of men and women who suffered through its terrors, bloodshed and atrocities, and after the chaos subsided wanted to share the miracles and love that changed their lives with a defeated nation.

With vivid description T. Martin Bennett brings to life a war that begins with an alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan and sweeps across Europe, encompassing nations in the Pacific. He delves into the deep rift that develops between Japan and the League of Nations after WW1 and the growing bias against the people of Japanese

extraction. With the use of Japanese words, excerpts from propaganda and news reports the author builds realism into an epic drama that's often forgotten.

Cleverly he seamlessly weaves the lives of three main characters- their hopes, dreams, and perspectives- into the climatic events that brought about a titanic clash between the United States and Japan.

Through the eyes of Mitsudo Fuchida, as he climbs the ladder of success through the upper echelons of the Imperial Navy after Japan's momentous victory at Pearl Harbour, the reader gains a sense of the honour, duty and loyalty that binds the Japanese people to their Emperor and Nation. A brilliant strategist and visionary who with determination, a smattering of cockiness and impulsiveness overcame his sensitivity of being small and shy as a child Fuchida rises to become the Air Operations Commander of the Entire Combined Fleet when Japan suffers defeat in their final naval battle. But this man who continually asks questions about his existence, why he survives when others are killed will not only find the answers at the end of the war, but will find victory in the midst of defeat.

The other two threads of this engrossing story begin with an obscure and likeable Oregon farmhand, Jimmy "Jake" DeShazer who accepts an attractive paying job as a bombardier only to have his plane shot down. Captured in the early years of the war with seven others after the infamous Doolittle's Raid over Japan he's interrogated, tortured, imprisoned and starved, his hatred for the Japanese overpowering any compassion taught him as a child by his devoted Christian mother. But after being given a bible to read in his small dank cell Jake not only finds the God he abandoned and forgiveness, but a promising future. In the Philippines Jimmy Cavell, a missionary, teacher and pacifist struggles to survive with his wife and other faculty members in the densely forested mountains near Panay. Knowing that any American caught by the Japanese is instantly killed, they hold tight to their faith, stirring the hearts of not only the Philippine people but insurgents and even a Japanese officer. It is his legacy of faith and love of the Japanese people that impels his daughter to serve in a Japanese prisoner of war camp.

I can't say enough about the power of this amazing story in whose pages we see faith, victory and hope. Yet there's also the realization that man never learns from past mistakes and that without God Armageddon could once again be a breath away. This is a great novel that would make a wonderful movie.

Ikebukuro says

First, thank to T. Martin Bennett for sending me his book.

I read this book like a novel and not at all like a non fiction book. I really enjoyed the way the story is built with the fact to have the different points of view of the main characters, from the Japanese or the American side. I also like a lot the writing, the style is very vivid with a lot of dialogues through short chapters. I didn't know much this part of History about the Pacific War and I really enjoyed to learn about it through the way men and women were living. At the beginning I was a bit afraid that battle or war strategy take a big part in this book but on the contrary it was moving and heartbreaking with great characters. I highly recommend this book to people who like History and amazing men and women.

Avant tout je remercie l'auteur T. Martin Bennett pour m'avoir envoyé son livre.

J'ai lu ce livre comme un roman tellement l'histoire était prenante et l'aspect historique intéressant. Pourtant

à la base, je n'aime pas trop les récits de guerre, particulièrement dans leur côté militaire car j'avoue que j'ai peu d'intérêt pour l'aspect stratégique des batailles et pour le matériel militaire mais comme j'aime beaucoup le Japon je me suis lancée. Finalement j'ai beaucoup aimé ce livre et je lui ai donné une note de 4 sur 5. J'ai particulièrement apprécié la façon dont l'auteur a construit son récit en intercalant des chapitres qui mettent en scène ses différents personnages principaux, qu'ils soient japonais ou américains. Cela permet au lecteur d'avoir plusieurs points de vue, dans différents pays, selon leurs implications dans le conflit. Au-delà de l'aspect historique de cette guerre, c'est surtout l'aspect humain qui est mis en avant dans ce livre et c'est d'autant plus émouvant quand on sait que les personnages ont existé. Le lecteur se retrouve complètement immergé dans l'histoire aux côtés de Fuchida le japonais, de Jake le pilote américain ou de Jimmy le professeur expatrié et caché dans la jungle avec sa femme pour échapper à la guerre. Cette façon de construire le récit permet une approche particulière des faits historiques à travers la vie et les sentiments des personnages. C'est un récit émouvant du début à la fin qui m'a beaucoup intéressé car je connaissais finalement très peu ce conflit en dehors des grandes lignes que l'on nous apprend à l'école.

Le livre, construit en chapitre courts avec de nombreux dialogues, permet une lecture très dynamique et facile pour moi dont l'anglais n'est pas la langue maternelle. Le style est vivant avec quelques mots japonais qui apportent une touche de réalisme supplémentaire. J'ai eu la chance de recevoir la version Hardcover, particulièrement soignée avec un beau papier et une typo agréable à suivre. De nombreuses cartes au début de certains chapitres permettent au lecteur de situer immédiatement l'action en cours et j'ai trouvé que le livre en lui-même était un très bel objet.

Je conseille ce livre à tous ceux qui aiment découvrir l'histoire à travers ses héros ordinaires et extraordinaires. J'ai vraiment apprécié ce récit pour son côté historique et son aspect humain, ce fût vraiment une belle découverte.

Linda Munro says

I received Wounded Tiger via a goodreads giveaway. If there were a means by which I could give this author a higher rating, I would; I would like to thank the author for all of his research and dedication in writing this book. Everything I read concerning the Pacific Theater during World War II brings me a clearer understanding of my father, his life long actions, hatred and outbursts. It truly helped me understand why WWII veterans looked at Toyota vehicles as "Toyota, brought to you by the people who brought you Pearl Harbor." It was something they could not let go!

When a young girl, my family traveled west biannually to see friends. Their son had married a Japanese woman, whom, with the exception of my father, my entire family fell in love with. She would never address my father unless on a very rare occasion, he addressed her. His eyes always burned hatred towards her, while her eyes shone a unique understanding, she was wise way beyond her years.

This book is more than a true tale of war, it is about a civilization that indoctrinated its youth into looking at the Emperor as a God. The indoctrination made the citizens follow with blind faith; feeling superior to other races and proving their superiority by never giving up, by facing death rather than surrender.

It also shows a nation of people whose fear over the attack at Pearl Harbor turned into a deep seated hatred towards an entire race. This was definitely a people against people clash in history.

There is much to be learned within these pages, and several photos (over 250) throughout add to the tale. It is a book of hatred and anger, of love and understanding. It is also a book that everyone should read for it has far more than historical or military significance. Maybe, if everyone would read this book and take its message to heart we really could live with 1000 generations of peace.
