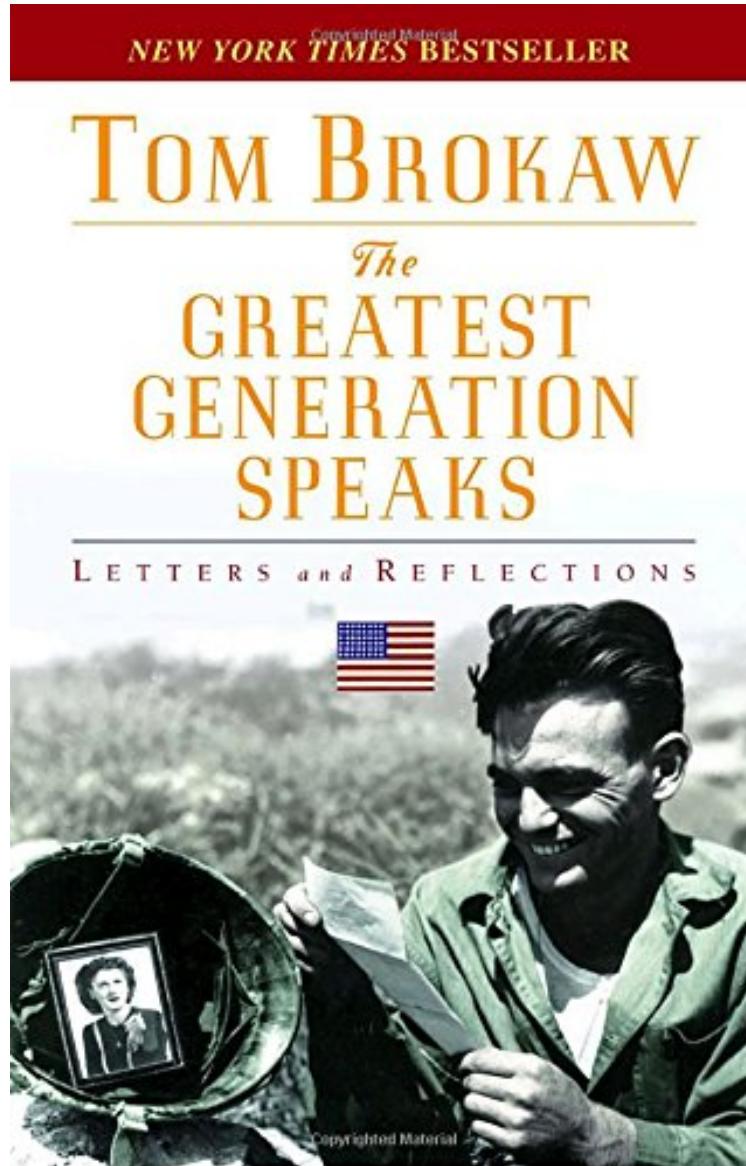


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Tom Brokaw : The Greatest Generation Speaks: Letters and Reflections before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised *The Greatest Generation Speaks: Letters and Reflections*:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Lest we forget By Michael Morton This is Brokaw's account of the lives of those he has met who lived during the Depression and WW2. It is a compilation of stories to remind us what our grandparent's generation endured and overcame. Many survived, built families and businesses, and became successful despite, or perhaps due to their difficult experiences. These are the people who fought for god and country

without giving it a second thought; the last generation that contributed to making our country the greatest ever, before its decline to what it is today. This should be required reading for baby boomers through millennials; as there is a lesson to be had for today's generation who doesn't know or care about the sacrifices that have been made for their freedom. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An amazing journal and history of the time period and people ...By Cheryl M. Salmon An amazing journal and history of the time period and people of the WWII. This reminds us of the individual sacrifices of the people during that time that provide us the individual freedoms we sometimes take for granted. Highly recommend-I couldn't put it down. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Still Worth Reading! By Suzy This book has been around for so long, most of the people highlighted in it are dead. That made it quite interesting as it shows the passage of time. I decided to read this because of the recent D-Day Anniversary celebration in France. It is a little sentimental and soft in the depictions of the lives of the men and women who fought for their country, but in a way that reinforced one of the underlying themes Brokaw illustrates: these people weren't complainers. They just went on with their lives. It was also interesting that this book precedes the Iraq and Afghanistan war with the thousands of soldiers suffering from PTSD. Brokaw mentions the opinions of at least two veterans who said that veterans were getting TOO many benefits for having served their country. Makes me wonder if people today are just basically softer and weaker than those of the Greatest Generation.

The heartwarming New York Times bestseller by the author of *The Greatest Generation* "When I wrote about the men and women who came out of the Depression, who won great victories and made lasting sacrifices in World War II and then returned home to begin building the world we have today ... it was my way of saying thank you. I was not prepared for the avalanche of letters and responses touched off by that book." "I had written a book about America, and now America was writing back." Tom Brokaw touched the heart of the nation with his towering #1 bestseller *The Greatest Generation*, a moving tribute to those who gave the world so much -- and who left an enduring legacy of heroism and grace. *The Greatest Generation Speaks* was born out of the vast outpouring of letters Brokaw received from people eager to share their personal memories and experiences of a momentous time in America's history. These letters and reflections cross time, distance, and generations as they give voice to lives forever changed by war: eighty-year-old Clarence M. Graham, who recounts his harrowing experience as a soldier captured by the Japanese -- and provides a gripping eyewitness account of the dropping of the atomic bomb; Patricia Matthews Dorph, a soldier's daughter who shares the love letters her parents exchanged during the war, a lasting legacy of passion, devotion, and enduring love; Rabbi Judah Nadich, the first Jewish chaplain to serve in the war; Lorraine Davis, a civilian who helped form the Club of '44, a group of wartime wives who still meet today. From the front lines of battle to the back porches of beloved hometowns, *The Greatest Generation Speaks* brings to life the hopes and dreams of a generation who fought our most hard-won victories, and whose struggles and sacrifices made our future possible.

.com The popularity and credibility of charismatic news anchor Tom Brokaw ensured bestseller status for *The Greatest Generation*, Brokaw's homage to the Americans who survived and overcame the depression and World War II. *The Greatest Generation Speaks* expands his thesis that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to those tough and courageous men and women for ensuring the freedoms and comforts that Americans enjoy today. Their stories, culled from letters, interviews, and personal histories of the Greatest Generation and their family members, are anecdotal but extremely powerful, showing how men and women were sustained by simple ideals of patriotism, family, and fair play. This individualistic portrait is exactly how Americans saw themselves: Brokaw's book is a valid reflection of the times. During a period of economic hardship and in a country united by the war effort, choices were simple; few people questioned why America was fighting Germany and Japan. Adversity brought out the best, especially in an optimistic culture like America's. As the soldier who found Beethoven's pianos in a Weimar house says after his unit is shelled, "Nothing like a close call to make the morning more beautiful." The greatest impression that war veterans seem to carry back from war is a sense of comradeship that, in spite of pain and loss, render their war years the most rewarding of all their life experiences. Modern life doesn't necessarily have the same certainties. *The Greatest Generation Speaks* is a healthy reminder of the foundations on which American society is built. --John Stevenson From Publishers Weekly Brokaw's TV anchorman voice is deep and reassuring, with a remarkable air of patriarchal authority. With so much puff-chested attitude, he launches into this tape's introduction, explaining that the letters and comments contained came to him in a responsive outpouring in reaction to his book *The Greatest Generation*, which chronicled the varied experiences of World War II veterans. For him, these missives expressed a shared sense of "values," since lost in American life. The material itself is far less posturing, mostly clear-eyed remembrances from former soldiers, medics, clergy and reporters who served in Europe and Asia. From the home front come stories from women munitions workers, war widows and war orphans. Finally, the author tells of making efforts to reunite parties long-ago separated by tragic events. Here, the matters described move vividly into the present, giving the program a sense of real drama and pathos. Based on the 1999 Random hardcover. (Dec.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "When I wrote about the men and women who came out of the Depression, who won great victories and made lasting sacrifices in World War II and then returned home to begin building the world we have today--the

people I called the Greatest Generation--it was my way of saying thank you. But I was not prepared for the avalanche of letters and responses touched off by that book--more stories and wisdom from that generation and time. I had written a book about America, and now America was writing back." --Tom BrokawFrom the Hardcover edition.