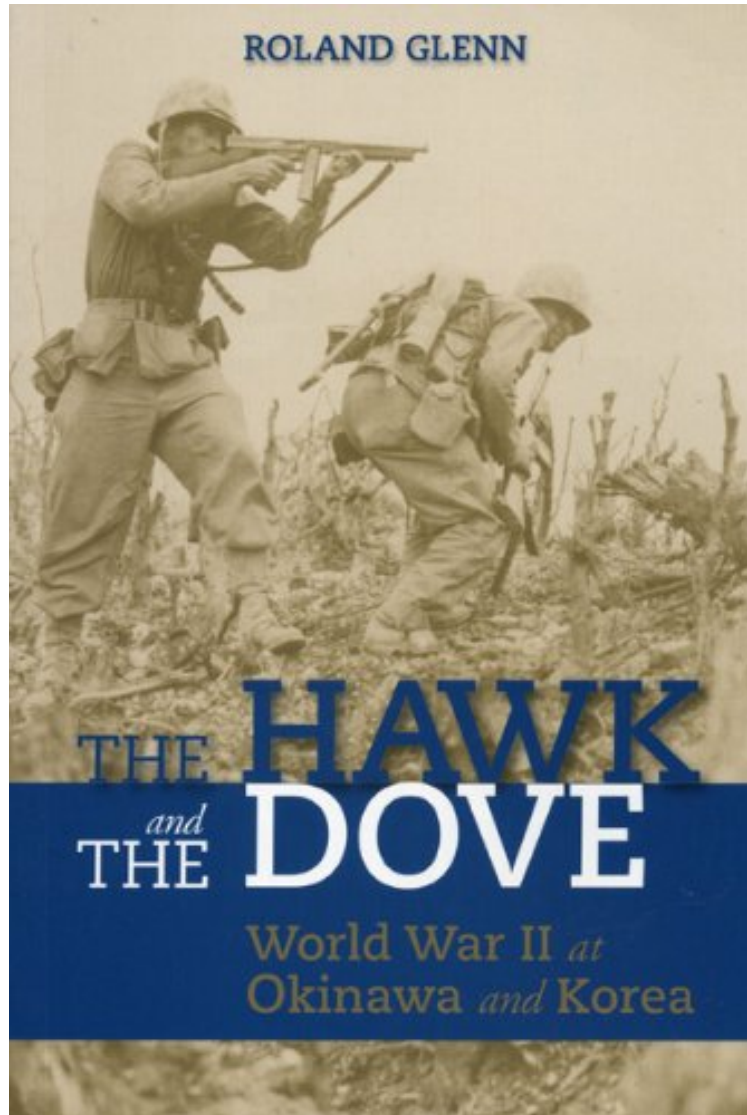


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Roland Glenn : The Hawk and the Dove: World War II at Okinawa and Korea before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Hawk and the Dove: World War II at Okinawa and Korea:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The revealing life story of a 7th Division veteran of Okinawa.By John E. LarsenGlenn was a 2nd Lieutenant and was posted to the 17th Infantry Regt, 7th Division as a replacement during the Battle of Okinawa. He then served occupational duty in Korea.Glenn is a small town boy and he devotes a few chapters to growing up and to the members of his rather extraordinary family. He is very religious and hard

working and somewhat incongruously very open about his adventures with the ladies. He does well as a recruit and elects to undertake officer training (OCS 90 day program) and again does well. He spends a little time processing through replacement facilities but joins his unit in April 1945. His two months of combat are dealt with in 50 pages. His introduction to the front doesn't go smoothly. He gets off-side with his commander (and later misses out on a Silver Star as a result) and his first fight is a debacle. He is able to impose more control over later actions and his unit has considerable success. He writes that he killed several enemy but only goes into detail the once. This event, ironically a mercy killing, returns to haunt him in the decades after the war. There is interest in the combat revealed. Glenn losses several close comrades as well as a number of his men. There is considerable detail at times but it is not a gripping account by any means. This is partly because the dialogue reconstructed by the author is a bit trite. This is a solid memoir. A surprising amount is devoted to duties in Korea, including interactions with surrendered Japanese and Korean prostitutes. Indeed, there is a surprising amount of material of a sexual nature - some of it absolutely bizarre given the type and context. As alluded to above, it conflicts with the persona otherwise revealed by Glenn. While the author is perfectly within his rights to write it and let's face it, soldiers will be soldiers, it may make more conservative readers uncomfortable. On a less awkward note, Glenn periodically includes copies of letters he wrote and received. Perhaps one of the more noteworthy elements of this book is Glenn's fascinating revelation of his psychological problems (and treatment) stemming from his battle experiences. So there is certainly material of interest, to the point of being surprising even. Recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Written from the heart; timely, courageous and poignant. This marvelous book should be read. By A. Elizabeth Cavage The reward of a well written book is to have written it. Roland Glenn's newly published offering, "The Hawk and The Dove", is not only a poignant tribute to the author's marvelous story telling abilities and amazing recall, it is a reward for his readers as well. Throughout this beautifully crafted book, they are able to follow the author's journey as a young 20 year old US army infantryman from a small, rural Pennsylvania town to the killing fields of Okinawa and the last bloody battle of World War Two in the Pacific. From there it was on to Korea, where he was assigned as an officer to take part in the repatriation of the Japanese, the very soldiers he had been trained to kill in the war and then ordered to befriend and help. Written from the heart, courageous, poignant, poetic at times, sometimes humorous, but more often than not bravely facing the devastating toll of war, its carnage, and the unspeakable personal desolation born of killing other human beings, this marvelous book should be read. Roland Glenn's story of how he fought his personal demons, nightmares and flashbacks after returning home and for most of his civilian life tells of his need for psychological help throughout the years for what is now called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, PTSD. His revelations are made in an effort to assist and befriend returning servicemen from Iraq and Afghanistan who are suffering from it and need help. --- Elizabeth Cavage, mother of five, grandmother of ten and the widow of a deceased US Navy Veteran, World War II 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. From the book jacket: By Spencer Smith "World War II combat veteran Roland Glenn is one of the best story tellers I've come across in a long time. These richly textured stories - complete with love, sex, friendship, loyalty, and betrayal - are the bookends that frame the tale of close combat with a mortal enemy. The Hawk and the Dove asks that we face the full human toll of war: the military and civilian casualties and the psychologically wounded as well. This book demands our attention." Army Colonel Jack Jacobs (retired), recipient of The Congressional Medal of Honor, CNBC military analyst and author of his Viet Nam war memoir, *If Not Now, When* with Douglas Century. "By turns humorous and tragic, Roland Glenn's richly detailed and compellingly written memoir of war and peace vividly recreates a small-town youth's transformation into a man and leader of men on the horrific killing fields of Okinawa. His fascinating account of involvement in the repatriation of thousands of Japanese soldiers from Korea sheds light on a significant but little-known chapter in postwar U.S. military history." Paul Siff, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, Sacred Heart University

A first-person account of the horrific hand-to-hand fighting at Okinawa, where 12,500 Americans died, memories of which have haunted Roland Glenn for all his life. The book is a development of Glenn's dramatic presentation of his wartime experiences and their psychological effect on him in civilian life. His presentation is part of the Veterans' History Project based at the Library of Congress. Glenn was awarded both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

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World War II veteran Roland Glenn knows that combat soldiers face unimaginable challenges both on the battlefield and when they return home following service. With his new book, The Hawk and the Dove, Glenn hopes that his own life will illuminate those challenges. As an Infantry Combat Company Commander, he saw significant action during the battle of Okinawa, the last campaign of World War II. "I was in charge of leading about 200 soldiers, an enormous amount of responsibility for someone 20 years old. The killing of fellow human beings in the name of democracy remains my most vivid memory. I was brainwashed to think of the Japanese as sub-human monkey runts. I totally believed in the mission to obliterate the Japs. I was trained to kill and that is exactly what I did on Okinawa but there is nothing in our training that really prepares us for the taking of another human life." "I have written my book about my own recovery from the traumas of combat." Over 110,000 Japanese, 12,000 Americans and approximately 150,000 Okinawan civilians were killed during the battle. As fate would have it, Glenn's next mission after Okinawa would not be to kill Japanese soldiers, but to help them. After Japan's surrender, following the dropping of two atomic bombs by the US, Glenn was sent to Korea to repatriate the occupying Japanese soldiers back to Japan. "I had the fortunate experience during the time I was in Korea, of getting to know the Japanese as fellow human beings rather than as the enemy. In the matter of a few weeks I went from killing the Japanese on Okinawa to collaborating with them in Korea. I was able to experience them as fellow human beings and to develop some friendships. Asked what he hopes readers will take away from his book, the retired educator stresses "I do not think that wars solve problems. I strongly believe that more serious diplomatic efforts should be undertaken to resolve international problems. One of my major concerns right now is all the veterans returning with symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disability (PTSD). This has got to be one of the biggest stories to come out of the Middle East wars. These veterans will require medical and psychological care for the remainder of their lives." I'm hoping that youth who are considering careers in the military will have the opportunity to read my book. I'm not advocating that young people not have careers in the military, but am suggesting to our youth that there are many more options to serve our country and our communities than going to war." --David Beliveau, Staff Columnist, The Weekly Sentinel

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About the Author Glenn served as a combat Infantry Platoon Leader and "I" Company Commander in the Seventeenth Infantry Regiment of the Seventh Infantry Division during the Battle of Okinawa, the last campaign of World War II. He is a recipient of the Purple Heart. After the atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki,

his unit moved from massive killing of enemy on the battlefield to occupying Korea with the mission of fostering peace and repatriating the Japanese Army to their homeland.